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UPDATE

Storage facility plan making rounds

By Amanda C. Thompson
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A proposal for the development of a self-storage facility at Scituate Hill on Route 3A – across from lower King Street – continues to make the rounds through Cohasset committees.

SSG Cushing LLC of Cohasset has proposed a self-storage facility between Sunrise Assisted Living and the sports complex. The facility would include 400 to 500 units.

Construction would involve consolidating curb cuts along that section of 3A to create a shared driveway with the Brass Kettle building. This access drive would be directly across from lower King and could necessitate the installation of a traffic light at the intersection.

Last month, the planning board gave the proposal a tentative thumbs-up, pending the completion of follow-up tasks to be delivered at the board's December meeting. Chairman Clark Brewer said in November, "The site has been dirt and weeds for quite some time; having some kind of useful service there is a good thing."

The design review board, which serves an advisory role to the planning board, also gave its OK, at least as far as aesthetics are concerned. It's not up to design review to consider the property's usage.

"They have put some

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"They have put some nice thought into making the building look appropriate."
Robert Skolnick, design review board

Santa Claus Effect

A crush of people crowd Santa Claus during his arrival at Government Island for the Jingle Bell Walk on Friday, Nov. 27. For more photos, see page A4. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

NEWS

Garden Center site up for grabs

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Get ready to see something besides plants growing at the intersection of Route 3A and Pond. The property, which has been Esposito's Nursery and Garden Center for many years, is now for sale.

The board of selectmen took a preliminary look at the property at their Nov. 24th meeting and are considering whether it would be a good purchase for the Town. The Town has right of first refusal under Massachusetts General Laws because it is classified as agricultural/horticultural land. That means the seller, Erla A. Esposito, can't offer the land to anyone else until the Town has decided whether it wants it.

Steve Gaumer, chairman of the board, commented, "There's not a lot of property available on 3A; this could be of great utility to the town."

This wooded corner could be a good spot for affordable or senior housing, a pocket park, conservation land, a community farm, or any number of other possibilities, said Gaumer.

Town Manager Chris Senior is investigating pricing and zoning of the property to see how much of the land is buildable and to determine the property's actual value to the Town.

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"There's not a lot of property available on 3A; this could be of great utility to the town."
Steve Gaumer

COHASSET CONNECTION

Making a 'big bang' at the library

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Raised in Cohasset, Dave Zobel now lives in California, where he writes press releases and feature articles for Caltech. He also writes for Boston-based radio panel show "Says You!" COURTESY PHOTO

He explained that the creators of the show had hired a science consultant to ensure that everything on the show, no matter how ridiculous-sounding, was 100 percent bona fide science.

Dave Zobel will never tell you science is cool. He might, however, show you a mound of materials and make you play with them until you believe science is cool.

That's what Zobel will be doing during his presentation at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 10th – that, and talking about his book, "The Science of TV's 'The Big Bang Theory:' Explanations Even Penny Would Understand" (ECW Press, 2015).

Reportedly, it was the publisher's idea, not Zobel's, to give the book a title so long and convoluted it would make Sheldon Cooper glow with pride.

As a student at Cohasset High School, tinkering with 1970s-era mini-computers, Zobel knew from a young age that he wanted to go into the sciences. In 1980, he went on to study computer science at the California Institute of Technology, a.k.a. Caltech, where "The Big Bang Theory" is set.

But more recently, Zobel realized that there's something he loves even more than programming computers, and that's writing.

His first book, "Dave Zobel's Bent Book of Boatspeak" (McGraw-Hill, 2000), is a (deliberately) worse-than-useless tour of nautical nomenclature, inspired by summers racing at the Cohasset Sailing Club – and in particular, Zobel added, "all the penalties I used to accumulate."

When he was selected to write "The Science of 'The Big Bang Theory," Zobel wasn't a follower of the show. He saw it as a caricature of people he'd gone to school with, and perhaps even of himself, but in the beginning, he didn't see it being of interest to the public and expected it to fizzle after a season.

The show, of course, didn't fizzle; it exploded. Zobel quotes Stephen Hawking as saying: "At last, a show that makes physics cool!"

Well, at any rate, the show is cool, at least if the ratings are to be believed. Zobel's not so sure that it made physics cool. "What it does is it gives us a chance

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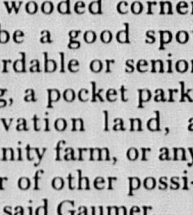
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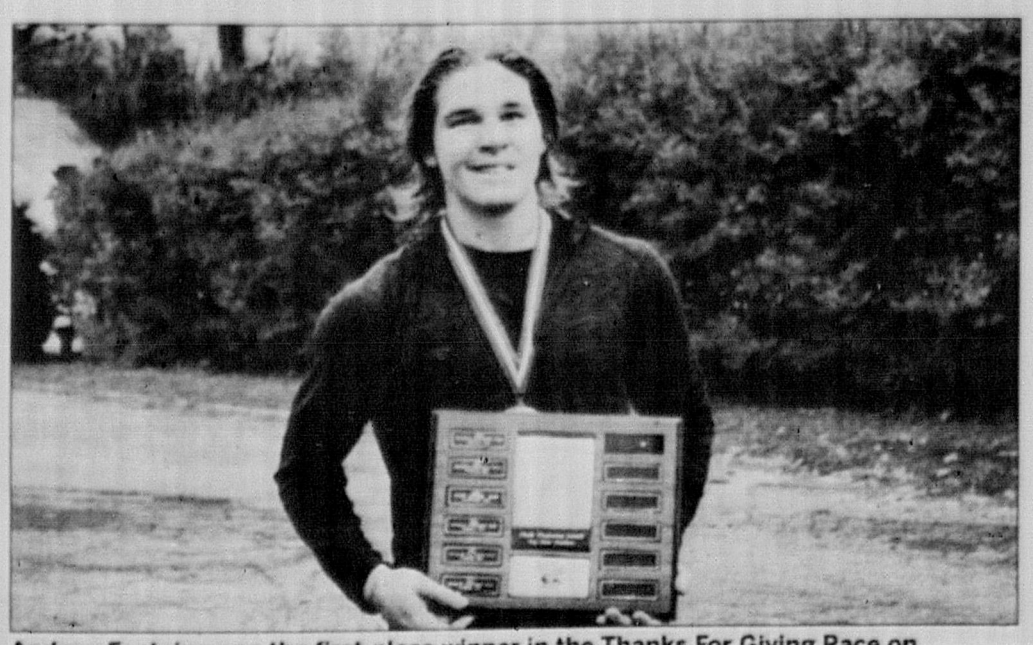

Andrew Fontaine was the first-place winner in the Thanks For Giving Race on Thanksgiving morning last week. For more on the race, see B4. PHOTO BY ROBBIE HILL

Andrew Fontaine

Name: Andrew Fontaine.

Occupation: College Student, Union College, studying Mechanical Engineering.

Best vacation: Hawaii, family vacation in the summer of 2014.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite meal: Steak.

Best magazine: Sports Illustrated.

Best movie: "Green Street Hooligans."

Best TV show: "Hawaii Five-O."

Best music, group, or artist: Jack Johnson.

Fun fact: I am ambidextrous in every sport.

Goal: Get a good job and move back to Cohasset when I'm older.

Person you'd most like to meet: Lionel Messi (Argentine professional footballer)

Best part of Cohasset: Sandy Beach.

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COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Senior Stretch and Strengthening

All seminars and events are at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St., unless noted. Call to reserve your spot for all programs.

■ Monday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m., **Christmas Designer Show House**, Daniel Webster Estate, Marshfield. This beautiful estate is on the national registry of historic places. They outdo themselves with Victorian Christmas decorations! Lunch following tour at Haddad's restaurant in Brant Rock. $13 for transportation and tour. Lunch at your own expense. Reservations required, Limited availability for transportation. First come, first serve.

■ **Senior Stretch and Strengthening**, Thursdays, 10 a.m. If you would like to build muscle strength and endurance, this program is designed for you. Improve or maintain muscle flexibility and strengthen your posture and postural awareness, and maintain balance. The class is led by an exercise physiologist. At 91 Sohier St.

■ Thursday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Custom Painting**. For a donation to the Cohasset Elder Affairs programming fund Marilyn LeBlanc, ONCI will paint roses or holiday designs on small treasures or gift items. Stay for a delicious lunch while Marilyn paints your piece. Support our programming with this creative endeavor.

■ Friday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m., **Trip to La Salette Shrine**. Enjoy Father Pat's concert and take a trolley through the grounds to see the Christmas lights. $15 includes transportation to Attleboro, trolley ride and donation to the venue.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 16, noon, **Elder Affairs Christmas Lunch** with entertainment provided by the Cohasset High School band and chorus. $5. Reservations cannot be accepted after Dec. 11.

■ Thursday, Dec. 17, noon, **Deer Hill School students** join us for lunch and entertain us with their talents. $3. Let us know you will be attending.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

■ **Lunches**, Tuesday-Thursday, noon. Meals provided by local restaurants and talented Cohasset cooks. Reservations requested no later than 24 hours in advance. Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Voluntary donation, $3.00.

■ Line dancing, Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Beginner to beginner plus. Helps posture and balance, improves memory skills and confidence. Drop-ins welcome. At 91 Sohier Street. $5.

■ **Veterans services hours**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St.

■ **Gentle Yoga**, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat. At Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. $5.

■ **Yoga/Meditation**, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. Eclectic, fusion, beginner-friendly yoga class offering a variety of combinations to help you on your path to mindfulness and calm. Drop-in class. $5.

■ **Sit to get Fit**: Thursdays, 10 a.m. Improve upper and lower body strength, flexibility and coordination from the comfort of your chair. $5.

■ **Book Club**, First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Willcutt Commons, at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. November Book, Good Harbor, by Anita Diamont.

■ **Knitting:** Drop in. Learners welcome. Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. $3 at 3 N. Main St.

■ **Transportation**: Door-to-door van service to the following: (For out-of-town trips, a voluntary donation of $5 is requested).

■ **Medical appointments** within a 15-mile radius of Cohasset.

■ **Around Town** Route 3A, Mondays, 1-3 p.m.

■ **Shaws,** Tuesdays: 1 p.m.

■ **Cohasset Train Station,** Wednesdays: 9:04 a.m. train inbound. 3:08 p.m. outbound.

■ **Around Town (downtown Cohasset),** Thursdays: 9:30 a.m.

■ **Stop and Shop**, Fridays: 9:30 a.m.

■ **Walmart/Hanover Mall**, NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE: Second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

■ **Trader Joes/Marshalls**, second Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

■ **Derby Street Shops**, third Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m., return 11:30 a.m.

■ **Christmas Tree Shops**, fourth Friday of the month: 9:30 a.m.

South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

DEC. 2015		HIGH				LOW					
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thursday	03	4:43	8.3	4:58	8.3	10:39	1.4	11:08	1.0	6:54	4:11
Friday	04	5:36	8.2	5:55	8.0	11:36	1.5			6:55	4:11
Saturday	05	6:29	8.3	6:51	7.9	12:00	1.2	12:33	1.4	6:56	4:11
Sunday	06	7:19	8.5	7:45	8.0	12:52	1.2	1:26	1.2	6:57	4:10
Monday	07	8:06	8.7	8:35	8.0	1:41	1.2	2:16	0.9	6:58	4:10
Tuesday	08	8:50	8.9	9:21	8.2	2:27	1.1	3:02	0.6	6:59	4:10
Wednesday	09	9:33	9.2	10:05	8.3	3:11	1.0	3:45	0.2	6:59	4:10
Thursday	10	10:13	9.4	10:47	8.5	3:53	0.8	4:27	-0.1	7:00	4:10

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POLICE BEAT

Accidents adding up all over the place

By Mary Ford
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MVC

Solar glare may have been the cause of a serious accident on Beechwood Street near the side entrance to Shaw's Plaza on Wednesday (Nov. 25) around 3 p.m. A 2001 Toyota Camry was headed west and ready to turn left into Walgreen's when the car cut off a 1998 Fedex truck headed east toward the light on Beechwood, causing a collision. Three people in the Toyota were transported to the hospital, the driver, a 56-year-old Scituate woman, and two children, an eight-year-old girl and an five-year-old boy, with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

The truck was driven by a 25-year-old Brockton man. The woman driving the Toyota, who said solar glare affected her ability to see what was coming, was cited for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

MVC

There was a rear-end accident at 3:31 p,m. on Monday (Nov. 23) at Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) and Pond Street involving a 1999 Saturn sedan and a 2006 Honda Pilot.

Police said the Honda, driven by a 45-year-old Cohasset woman, slowed down at the light to make a left onto Pond Street when it was hit from behind by the Saturn, driven by a 67-year-old Scituate man.

Both cars were headed south (toward Scituate). Investigation at the scene revealed the Scituate man had dosed off just before the accident. Police have notified the Registry of Motor Vehicles that will seek a medical evaluation to see if it is OK for the Scituate man to continue to drive. He was cited for following too closely on a state highway. Both vehicles were towed.

Cited

The 75-year-old Scituate man driving a 2013 Subaru Outback on Elm Street at 3:36 p.m. on Monday (Nov. 23) was issued a $105 citation for failure to pull over for an emergency vehicle, police said. The Fire Department was responding to an accident on Route 3A and Pond Street as the Subaru was traveling by the police-fire station and did not heed to the sirens and flashing lights.

A police detail officer working at the National Grid gas main project near the station pulled the vehicle over.

MV stop/tow

An officer stopped a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee, driven by a 57-year-old Cohasset man, on S. Main Street by the train station because the plates had expired. Police tried to help the man renew the registration online but it was non-renewable due to unpaid parking tickets or excise tax. His Jeep was towed and he was cited for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Vandalism

Several high school girls could be facing serious charges following some high jinks that crossed the line the night before the annual Powderpuff football game between junior and senior girls. There were several reports of youths roaming around engaging in pranks such as covering cars with Saran wrap and toilet paper in the wee hours of Tuesday morning (Nov. 24). The game, which was not sanctioned by the high school this year due to the teacher contract issue, was held that Tuesday night at the Cohasset Sports Complex off Route 3A.

Police said the finish on two vehicles was badly damaged after pranksters covered the vehicles with maple syrup, powder, eggs and the like, resulting in serious vandalism with damage over $250. Police are investigating and said the school would have cancelled the game once the vandalism became known had it been a sanctioned event.

Head-on MVC

At 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday (Nov. 24), there was a head-on crash at the blind curve on Linden Drive. Police said a 2014 Chevrolet Equinox, operated by a 20-year-old Cohasset man, drifted over the centerline and hit a 2005 Honda Accord, operated by a 46-year-old Dorchester man, heading in the opposite direction.

There were no reported injuries and both vehicles were towed. The Cohasset man was cited for failure to keep right.

Larceny

A 69-year-old Cohasset man went to the police station on Tuesday afternoon (Nov. 24) to report that his bank had sent $4,000 to the wrong contractor for carpentry work at the condominium complex where he serves as a trustee. The contractor, who had nothing to do with the job and is out of Franklin, cashed the check and the association is trying to recover the money. The contractor that did the work is out of Hanson.

Cigarettes

Police responded to a report that a group of teens in a 2000 Mercedes at the foot of Beechwood Street by the reservoir were smoking marijuana on Tuesday afternoon (Nov. 24). Police located the youths who were smoking cigarettes and were from Scituate; they were sent on their way.

MVC

There was a two-car, rear-end accident with injury on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) by the entrance to Old Colony Square (near the train station) on Tuesday (Nov. 24) around 9:38 p.m.

Police said both vehicles were headed south when the 2008 Mercedes, operated by an 18-year-old Hingham woman, stopped to turn left into the plaza when hit from behind by a 1996 Ford pick-up truck, driven by a 49-year-old Scituate man.

Both vehicles were towed and the Scituate man was cited for following too closely on a state highway. The Hingham teen complained of pain but opted to follow up with her doctor and was not transported to the hospital, police said.

Wise guy

Police responded to a report of a suspicious young man walking around near the Yacht Club on Wednesday (Nov. 25) around 8:48 a.m. They caught up with a 20-year-old Marshfield man who had tossed some trash into the Dumpster and when accosted by the caller became a wise guy and flippantly said he was on a treasure hunt.

MVC

There was a two-car, rear-end accident on Elm Street on Wednesday (Nov. 25) at noon, police said. A 2010 Acura sedan, operated by a 47-year-old Hingham woman, was heading toward the harbor when the driver slowed for a pedestrian and was hit from behind by a 2010 Mercedes, operated by a 74-year-old Scituate woman. There were no tows and no injuries.

MVC

There was a two-car, rear-end accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Aubuchon on Wednesday (Nov. 25) at 1:16 p.m. Both vehicles were headed south when a car pulled out of Aubuchon causing a 2002 Toyota RAV4, operated by a 22-year-old Cohasset woman, to slow down quickly. The Toyota was hit from behind by a 1990 Chevrolet pickup truck, operated by a 20-year-old Cohasset man. Neither vehicle was towed and there were no injuries. The Cohasset man in the truck was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

Suspicious activity

Police did not catch up with a man wearing yellow, florescent-colored sneakers who reportedly peeked over the bathroom stall partition in the men's bathroom behind the shops at Old Colony Square startling the man in the neighboring stall on Friday (Nov. 27) around 11:36 a.m.

Police said the man who reported the incident, could see hands over the partition and said the suspect then pulled himself up to look over. He saw the sneakers from under the partition.

MV stop/tow

An officer stopped a 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck, operated by a 60-year-old Cohasset man, on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Pond Street because the registration had expired on Saturday (Nov. 28) around 5 p.m. The registration was non-renewable due to either unpaid parking tickets or excise tax so the truck was towed and the operated was cited for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Green men

An upper King Street resident reported that two plastic, slow-down, green-traffic men, were apparently stolen on Saturday (Nov. 28). The resident called back on Sunday (Nov. 29) to report a third, plastic green man was also missing. The plastic figures ask motorists to drive slowly.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

■ Mitchell, 264 Forest Avenue, remodel first floor bath, $14,250

■ Pinkus, 479 Beechwood St., HVAC: venting for baths, dryer, range hood, A/C and heating system, $4,600

■ Leary, 79 Lantern Lane, 3 sq. wood siding/14 sq. asphalt roofing, $9,000

■ Zyrkowski, 26 Ledge Way, update two baths, $25,000

■ Fleming, 23 Elm St., solar panels, $38,817

■ Heffner, 28 Black Rock Road, 40 sq asphalt roofing, $18,000

■ Toll Brothers, 23 Hickory Circle, HVAC: furnaces, ductwork, vents, a/C, $12,000

■ Whittemore, 47 Elm Court, 12 sq. asphalt roofing, $3,000

■ Lacks, 19 Heather Drive, remodel kitchen/add ½ bath/enclose sunroom, $50,000

■ Barrett, 38 Elm Court, kitchen and bath remodel/new windows/front door/laundry room, $88,962

■ Hixson, 45 Church St., 14 sq. asphalt, $5,250

■ Short St. LLC, 20 Short St., demo and rebuild single family home, $310,000

■ Bushley, 25 Surrey Drive, add 2nd story/remodel baths & kitchen, $200,000

■ Wade, 73 Whitehead Road, HVAC system, $15,000

■ Pandolfi, 30 Bayberry Lane, Nine replacement windows, $17,500

■ Rosano, 191 Hull St., add small rear addition/bump out kitchen and bathroom, $45,000

■ Woolley, 28 Hillside Drive, Two windows, one door, enclose porch, $2,000

■ Stevenson, 240 King St., demo and rebuild single-family home, $120,000

■ Longo, 22 Bancroft Road, fix roof: structural damage due to ice dams, $11,000

■ Stanley, 11 Jerusalem Road, remodel kitchen & bath/add one-story addition, $80,000

■ Cunningham, 47 Norfolk Road, enclose direct vent gas fireplace/new window, $11,500

■ Rogers, 417 Jerusalem Road, demolition and rebuild dwelling, $1,180,000

■ Corry, 81 Pleasant St., 18 windows, one door, $35,295

■ McMorris, 89 Doane St., bath remodel, $20,000

■ Bejcar, 699 Jerusalem Road, demo and replace rotting deck (no digging), $60,857

■ Berard, 81 Forest Avenue, 20 sq asphalt shingles, $12,250

■ Saye, 70 Linden Drive, add interior wall to create mudroom, $4,000

■ Richardson, 60 Pond St., replace one French-style patio door, $4,875

■ Cunningham, 15 Hill St., kitchen remodel/new door/gas fireplace, $60,000

■ Souza, 41 Ledgewood Drive, add farmers porch, $50,000

■ Toll Brothers, 36 Walnut Hill Lane, new sf. dwelling, $331,320

■ Winters, 107 Forest Avenue, tent, $3,000

■ Martone, 162 Forest Avenue, bath remodel/move partition wall, $8,000

■ Brown, 10 Beach St., 18 by 36 gunite pool, $40,000

■ Schwandt, 17 Mohawk Way, new sf. dwelling, $1,050,000

■ Soules, 123 Atlantic Avenue, demo interior kitchen & bath and exterior porch & porch roof, $15,000

■ Vater, 15 Jerusalem Road Drive, new roof, third floor master bedroom/10 new windows/renovate kitchen, $70,000

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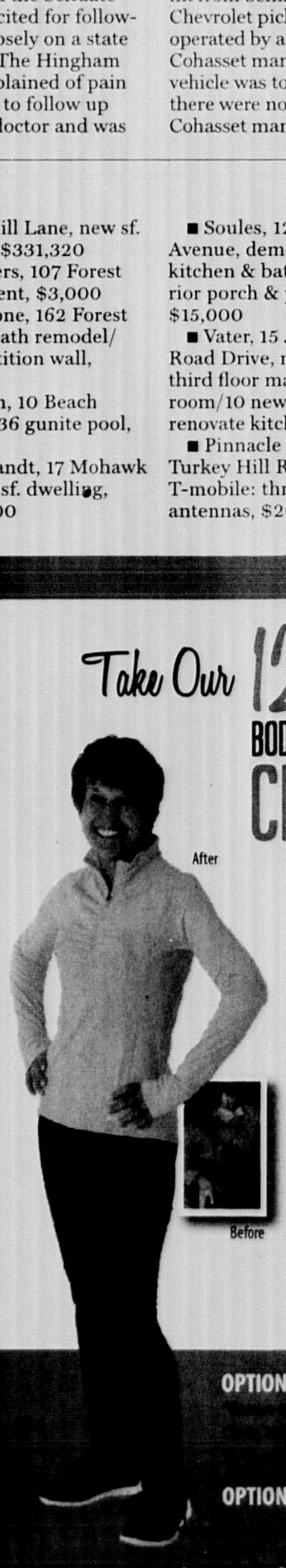

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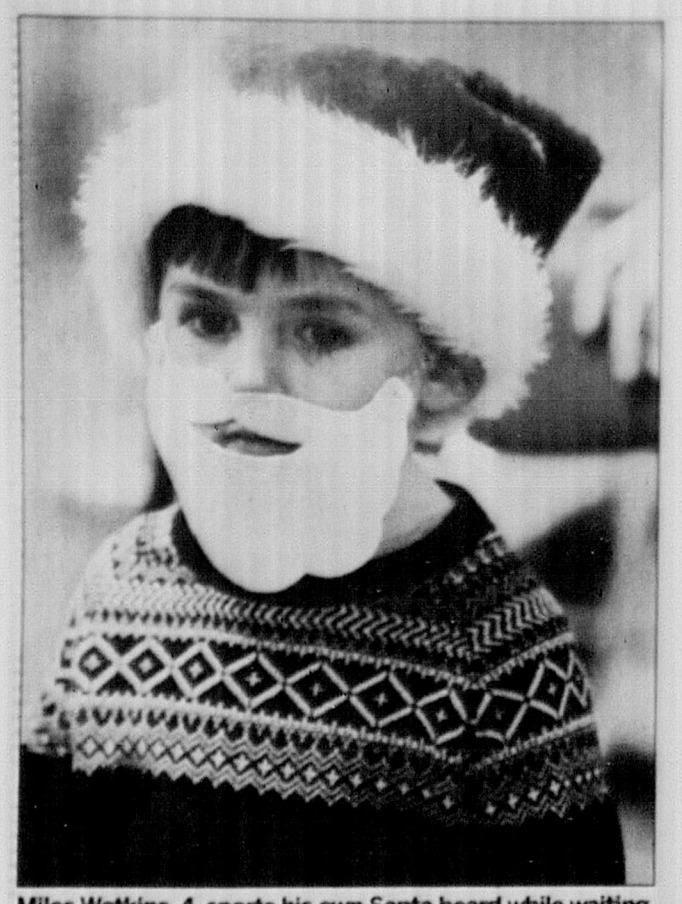


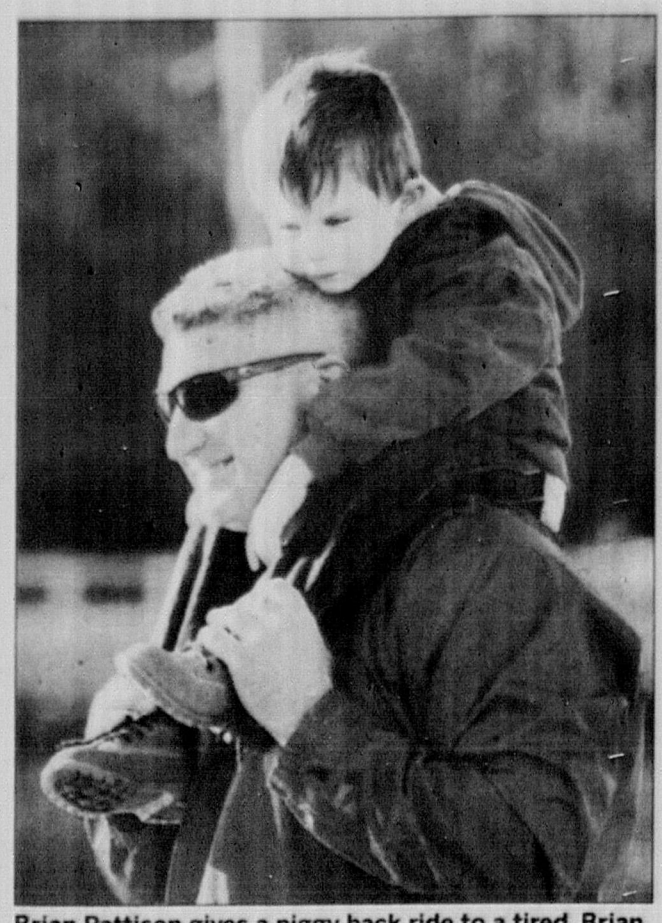
Miles Watkins, 4, sports his own Santa beard while waiting to get his picture taken with the big guy himself during his visit to the community center on Friday, Nov. 27.

A hayride from Hobby Knoll Stables walks past Town Hall during the annual Jingle Bell Walk.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Jingle Bell Walk!

Staff photos by Robin Chan



Brian Pattison gives a piggy back ride to a tired, Brian, 3, while they wait for Santa's arrival at the town pier.

Cullen VanTongeren, 3, shakes the hand of Santa while being held by his mother, Shelby, during his arrival at Government Island.

Santa waves to children and parents at the town pier during the annual Jingle Bell Walk.

Bella Spalt, 7, climbs a tree to get a better look of Santa as he arrives at the community center.

Presley Romig, 3, enjoys her candy cane while waiting to get her picture taken with Santa at the Community Center.

Charlotte Reilly, 5, waves to Santa who was arriving at the town pier by boat on Friday.

Lucas Sumnar, 8, tells a little secret to Santa during his arrival at the town pier.

Santa reads the list that Layla Haddad, 8, brought to him so he can know what she wants for Christmas.

SUNDAY AUTHOR TALKS

Speaking on Russia and links to Middle East

By Marylou Lawrence
Special to the Mariner

Eileen Kane is the featured author at Sunday AuthorTalks. COURTESY PHOTO

Given that the pilgrimage to Mecca is one of the five pillars of Islam and a demonstration of solidarity for Muslims, and that anti-Islamic sentiment has been mounting for decades in Russia, it is somewhat surprising that the Russian state supports the hajj, both financially and culturally.

Eileen Kane's new book, "The Russian Hajj," recounts the history of this sponsorship. Professor Kane will speak at Sunday AuthorTalks, at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, on Dec. 6, at 4 p.m. Her talk will focus on the reasons for Russia's involvement in this annual Muslim event and the profoundly complex relationships that hence developed between Russia and the Middle East, most importantly Syria and Turkey.

Today three million Muslims make a pilgrimage to Mecca each year, and 26,000 are Russian citizens -- a number kept low by Saudi Arabia's quota system. Twenty million Russians identify as Muslim, which makes Islam Russia's largest minority religion, second only to Orthodox Christianity.

For hundreds of years, Russia unsuccessfully tried to monitor, control, even ban the hajj. Eventually, inspired by the colonial powers' global reach into the Middle East, tsarist policy moved toward an official platform of support for its subjects to make the pilgrimage to Mecca. From 19th century camel caravans to steamships, railroads, and today's national airlines, Russia has brought the hajj under state influence and control. By establishing a global Islamic network, the state had found its tool of imperial expansion. In economic terms the hajj was a boon for local business; it helped justify the establishment of new consulates all along the route and opened up opportunities to forge new ties in Muslim communities across the border.

Eileen Kane is a professor of history at Connecticut College where she teaches courses on European, Russian, and Eurasian history. "The Russian Hajj" is her first book, and the first book ever published to look at the hajj under tsarist and Soviet rule. Professor Kane's findings are certain to raise questions and provoke a lively discussion. Her exploration of Russian policy toward the hajj provides both insight and knowledge about the roots of Russian involvement in the Middle East, in particular, the subtle exploitation of the cultural networks that link Russia to other parts of the world.

A wine and cheese reception will follow Professor Kane's talk and her book will be available for purchase and signing. Admission is free. Seating is first-come, first-seated.

Sunday AuthorTalks is sponsored by Dean and Hamilton Realtors, A Taste for Wine and Spirits, and the Goodale Insurance Company. For more information about the AuthorTalk series, call the library at 383-1348 or visit online: cohassetlibrary.org.

DON'T MISS THIS

Historical Society holiday exhibit

The Cohasset Historical Society recently announced the opening of its new holiday exhibit, Winter White.

Carefully selected costumes from the library's textiles collection as well as other artifacts that fit the category will be on display Dec. 14 through Feb. 28, 2016.

A number of wedding gowns, christening gowns and quilts will fill the exhibit rooms. Along with textiles, the society will show black and white winter photographs and selected items donated by the Richardson White family.

Richardson White was a Cohasset sculptor, who won accolades for his sculptures of horses. Highlighting this collection is a white silk ball gown purchased in Paris in 1865 for $100 by Maria L. Barnes and donated by her great-granddaughter in 1882.

The Historical Society is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For information: 781-383-1434.

ZOBEL

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to laugh with people who are smarter than we are," he said.

But long before he'd had a chance to formulate an opinion about the show, Zobel responded to a request for proposals that he found in a newsletter he subscribed to. Toronto publisher ECW Press was seeking an author to pen "The Science of 'The Big Bang Theory.'"

Though he had yet to watch more than a few episodes, Zobel sent his application and sample chapters, and the publisher liked it. So the scientist-turned-author binge-watched the show and started writing.

"Science" explores the many scientific references and jokes made throughout the series, from why Sheldon (Jim Parsons) would think 73 is the best number to parsing the name of the scientific paper he was supposedly writing at the age of 16.

"I could never have written this book if the TV show was filled with make-believe science," said Zobel. He explained that the creators of the show had hired a science consultant to ensure that everything on the show, no matter how ridiculous-sounding, was 100 percent bona fide science.

Fun fact: the very sciencey-sounding paper Sheldon claimed to have written was actually a work-in-progress of the science consultant at the time of filming.

But the book also calls the show out on a few points. For instance, viewers see Sheldon studying string theory, then dark matter, then discovering a new element. "That's a lot of jumping around for a scientist," said Zobel.

He added that the characters are rarely seen in the lab. "You don't see them getting things wrong, which is a lot of science," he said.

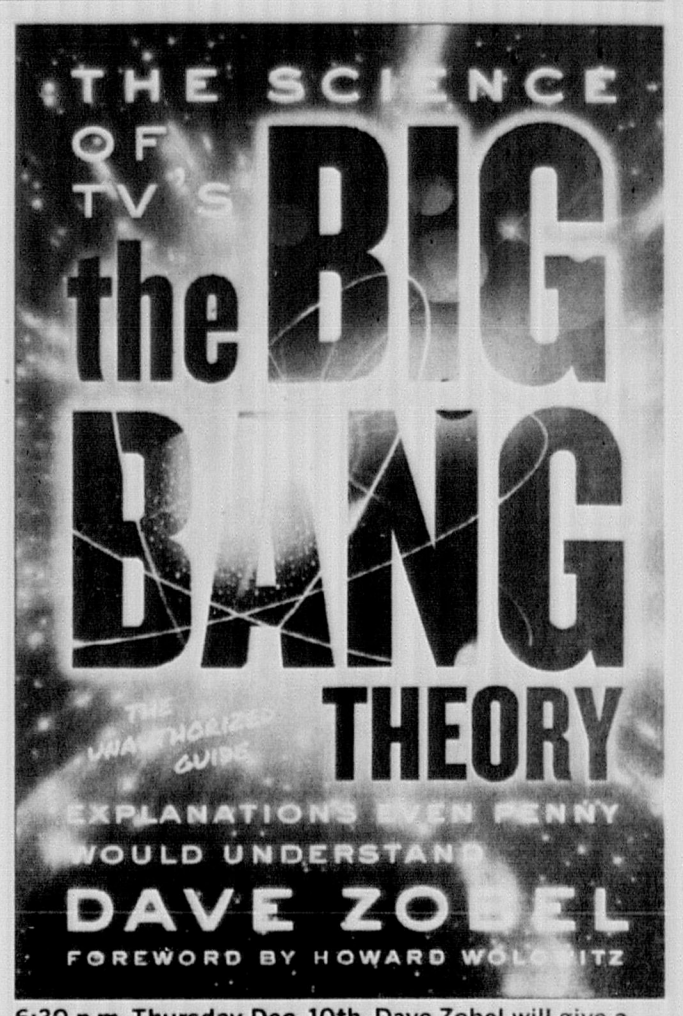
But overall, what the show does is give people fodder to talk about science, and to Zobel, that's never a bad thing.

"I can use the TV show as an excuse to teach real science to people from high school on up," said Zobel. "I wish every science teacher had two copies – one for the kid who's so good at science that he's bored in class, and one for the kid who hates science and doesn't try or see the point."

"There's a natural curiosity that's in all of us, and you don't have to be a trained scientist to tap into yours," Zobel said. "And there's a lot to be curious about in the Cohasset area."

For instance: "Why is Sandy Beach sandy and Rocky Beach rocky? What makes Hull such a weird shape? How did a perfect-storm interaction between a polar air current and the moon turn what would have been a fairly typical nor'easter into the Blizzard of '78?"

Does Zobel have answers, and will he share them? Join him at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10th at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to explore these and other questions. Books will be available for purchase, and Zobel will be signing them after the presentation.



6:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 10th, Dave Zobel will give a presentation at the library based on his book, "The Science of TV's 'The Big Bang Theory:' Explanations Even Penny Would Understand." COURTESY PHOTO

"Science" can also be purchased through online retailers – Amazon, Barnes and Noble – or from Zobel's website, OneNerdLaughing.com.

Zobel currently lives in California, where he writes press releases and feature articles for Caltech. He also writes for Boston-based radio panel show "Says You!" As a youngster in Cohasset, he had a poem published in the Cohasset Mariner, but he made us promise not to dig through the archives to find it. The presentation on Dec. 10th will be his first time in the new library building.

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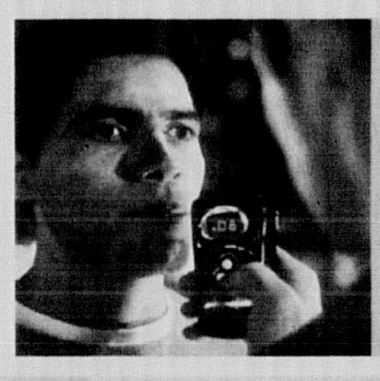

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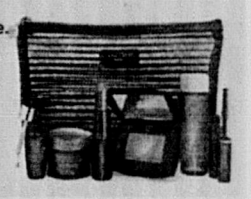

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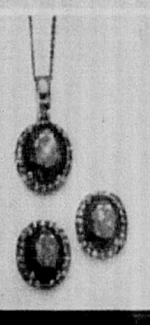

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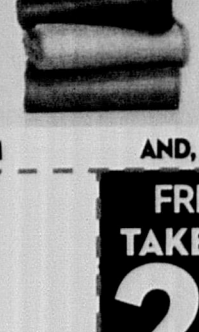

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When it's good to be grounded

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Ground Level coffeehouse is releasing its first compilation of young South Shore performers on Friday, Dec. 4th. Cover art by Lilly Austin, Marshfield. COURTESY PHOTO

Any other week, "you're grounded!" would be some of the worst words in any teenager's vocabulary.

But this week, "You're Grounded!" is reason for excitement and celebration: it's the name of the first compilation mixtape to come out of the Ground Level coffeehouse, a monthly South Shore open-mic event that routinely draws more than 50 teens, young adults, and their families and friends to the vaulted yet cozy Sanctuary church in Marshfield.

"You're Grounded! Volume I" features a dozen of Ground Level's brightest rising stars performing original songs as well as covers. Musicians include Cohasset High School graduate Evan Ackley, current CHS student Anna Cunnie, and Marshfield High School students Lilly Austin and Kelsey Moran. Mark and Sarah Huber, pastor and director of worship at Sanctuary, also provided a track.

Other performers are Madde Vachon (Scituate), Meaghan Casey (Marshfield), Emily Hodges (Plymouth), Erin Dale and Mark Darling (Kingston, Plymouth), and Grace Hodges (Plymouth). The final track is a live group performance of Sanctuary's favorite Christmas mash-up.

All performances were recorded in Marshfield at Summer Sky Digital Media. Producer Michael Carroll donated his time and resources to support the promising careers of the young musicians of the South Shore community.

The mix-tape will be released on Friday, Dec. 4th at Ground Level's Christmas coffeehouse, which runs from 7 to 10 p.m. It will be available while supplies last for a $10 donation, which supports the church's annual service trip to Guatemala. Sanctuary will be returning to the rural village of San Antonio Ilotenango for the third year running.

Anna Cunnie, Cohasset, performs an original song during a coffeehouse at Ground Level.
PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARROLL, SUMMER SKY DIGITAL

In previous years, the church has constructed kitchen stoves in this rural community to mitigate the health risks faced by women who cook over open fires all day. This year, in addition to stoves, the service team will be contributing to the installation of latrines and running water. The trip is coordinated in partnership with Faith Project International.

Ground Level was born in the basement of Cohasset's Beechwood Congregational Church in 2013. Two years later, it found a new home at Sanctuary, Marshfield, where it has continued to attract new talent since June of 2015.

—Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

AROUND TOWN

December means holidays are here

Holiday season

Happy December, Cohasset! I cannot believe that the holidays have officially arrived. We all need to keep in mind the importance of sharing what the holidays truly are all about with your family. Take the time through all the hectic and busy days to slow down to regroup and share a few moments to create those special memories. Also try to find a way to find a way to give back to someone who may not have family to share those moments with — sometimes just a quick "hi," help with their bags at the store, a smile and cup of tea or, even a gift card when they least expect it. You never know how much it the littlest of things could mean. Happy Holidays to all Cohasset. 1-4-3.

Lobster tree

This is one of my favorite new traditions here in town. **John Covell** is to be applauded for his efforts along with **Ricky Barrow** and those who help each year in with the lobster trap tree at the harbor. One issue however, was due to the heavy snow last winter, a lot of damage happened to the lights and the 4-foot nativity star. Because of this, a request is being made to the amazing community of Cohasset to help recover the cost needed to replace these items so the tree will be as beautiful as in the past. Donations can be made by mail to John Covell, 83 Elm St., Cohasset, MA 02025 or, dropped off at the American Legion Post. Any funds collected that exceed the actual replacement costs will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry.

The Cohasset Lobster Trap Christmas Tree is scheduled for construction starting this weekend Dec. 5th and 6th on the patio at the Old Salt House next to the Atlantica restaurant on Border Street.

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On the following Saturday evening, Dec. 13th beginning at 4:45 p.m., a celebration of the lighting will be held. There will be hot chocolate and mulled apple cider, courtesy of Atlantica, holiday music and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus who will entertain the children and hand out candy canes. All are welcome.

The tree will be decorated with over 1000 white lights and lobster buoy "ornaments" borrowed from local lobstermen and others, purchased and decorated by local residents and merchants. Everyone is encouraged to put up a buoy ornament. The blank buoys and sticks can be purchased at the Cohasset American Legion, 98 Summer St. for $10 each. When decorated, you can return them to the Legion Post and they will be attached to the tree.

Cohasset lobstermen will provide the traps (there will be more than 400 in the tree) and manpower for the construction. The tree will remain up until Saturday, Jan. 9th. It will be lit every night between 4:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.. When the tree is taken down, the lobsterman and others, who donated traps and buoys can retrieve them to, hopefully, return them for next year's tree.

Wreaths

Guess what Cohasset? This weekend is the Cohasset Village Fair, talk about getting into the Holiday Season! In true sense of tradition, the Cohasset METCO program is offering beautiful fresh double-sided Balsam wreaths for your festive decorating. The cost is $12 per wreath and the proceeds benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund. Wreaths areavailable for pick-up at the Village Fair inside the Second Congregational Church on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information please contact **Connie Afshar** at 781 383 6006 or c.afshar@comcast.net.

Secret Room

On Saturday, Dec 5th, the ASP Secret Room is being held at St. Stephen's Church on the first floor. Children of all ages have the opportunity to 'shop' with ASP teen volunteer 'elves' for holiday gifts for family members and friends.

Gifts will be wrapped and gift cards written by Santa's elves. Gifts galore for all ages!

Santa

Santa will arrive at the common at 11 a.m. Photographs with Santa will be available and transformed into snow globe keepsakes, ornaments, buttons, and holiday cards in Bates Hall of the Second Congregational Church.

The day will be filled with so much fun for the whole family to take part in and a great way to kick off the holidays. Have fun everyone and make sure to bring your best holiday smiles!

Auditions

Cohasset Dramatic Club is holding auditions for its winter/spring musical, the classic "Guys and Dolls" on Dec. 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Rehearsals begin Jan. 7th . Visit: cohassetdramaticclub.org or email info@cohassetdramaticclub.org with any questions.

That's all for this week Cohasset. Send in next week's news by Tuesday at 5 pm. EMAIL: aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com

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YULETIDE

Cohasset house tour is Thursday

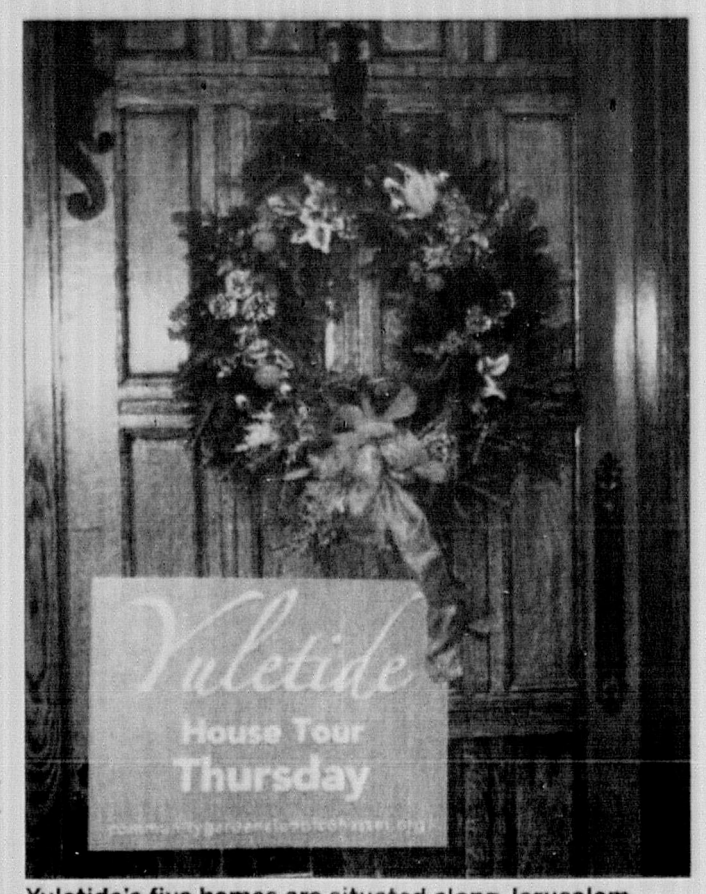
For how many years must something be repeated until it becomes a tradition? Next Thursday, Dec. 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when five Cohasset homes of varying architectural styles open their doors to all ticket holders, may mark the house tour's 38th year.

In 1977, while Mrs. Robert Sturdy was president, the archives of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset record a Christmas house tour. Some prior activities may have led the Club in that direction: fresh greens were sold before Christmas in 1970 and there had been a house tour under President Fran O'Toole in May 1976.

Thus, two concepts were combined to create what we now know as Yuletide, the holiday house tour which occurs every other year in early December. It has proven itself to be that happy moment of fun and enjoyment between Thanksgiving's turkey and all of the work that helps to make Christmas and our other winter feast days so special.

The Cohasset Mariner has been long been a recorder of these events. It is interesting to read its pages about President Joan Shockman's 1984 or President Mary Larson's 1986 house tours. Also, the December 1991 Colonial Home magazine was full of photographs of that year's house tour. The standard has been high. This year will be no different. Come along and see for yourself!

Yuletide's five homes are situated along Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue, Beach Street, and Border Street. Each has water views. Each has beautiful landscaping. Yet they are as different as Frank Stella is to Piero della Francesca. Not only are they varied, both architecturally and in landscaping, but the interiors are as unique as their owners are unique. The interiors and the way each has been festively decorated in a creative style to suit each home will be the highlight of the day.



Yuletide's five homes are situated along Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue, Beach Street, and Border Street. COURTESY PHOTO

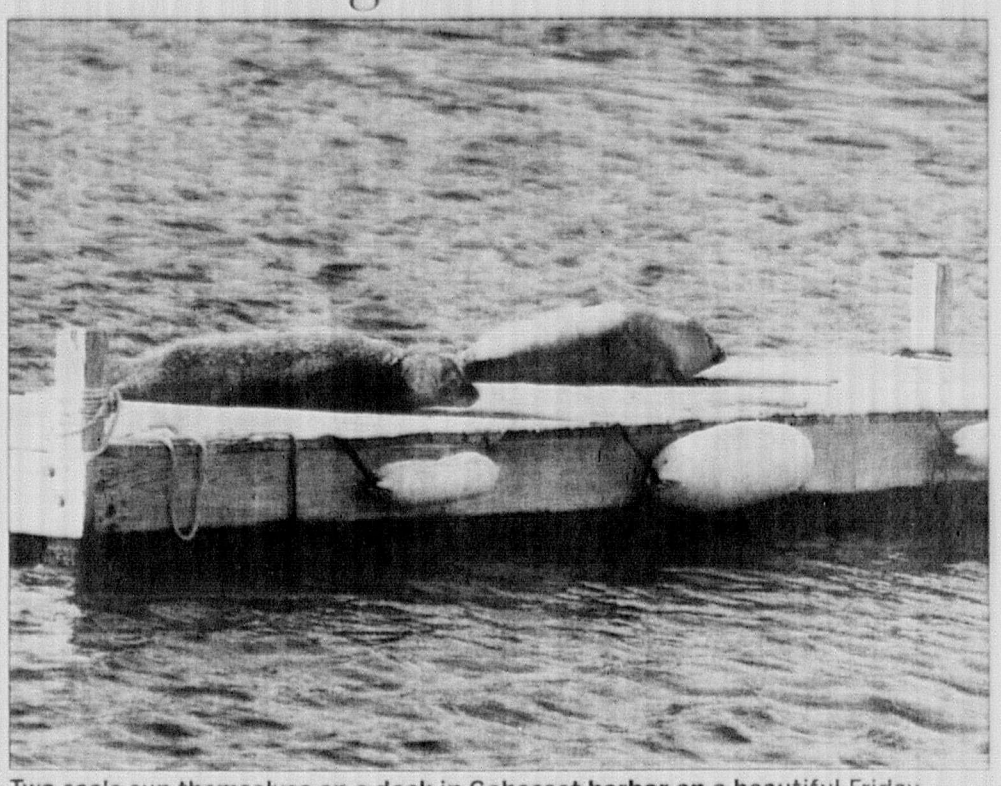
These homes reflect the personalities, interests, education, tastes, travel, culture and so much else that is a tale told by family antiques, modern paintings, incredible wall coverings, lighting, fixtures, textiles, art collections, libraries and furniture. Their unifying principle is the fine standard of intriguing creative holiday decorations, using fresh greens, fruits and berries, fabulous flowers and so much else.

The homes may be seen in any order you desire. Your ticket is actually a booklet with addresses, information about each home, a map and directions. With that in hand you can then decide how many homes you will see before you enjoy the delicious complimentary lunch which is included in the ticket. Both lunch and Marketplace, a feast for the eye, full of handmade crafts and other products for you, your home and for gifts, will be at St. Anthony's Community Center at the corner of Summer and South Main streets.

Tickets are now for sale on line: communitygardenclubofcohasset.org. Tickets are also on sale at Buttonwood Books and Toys on route 3A and in the village at Darilyn's and at Flemings for $40. On the day of the tour, tickets will be sold only at Flemings and at St. Anthony's Community Center for $45.

When you support Yuletide, you are supporting the many ways in which the Community Garden Club of Cohasset shares with the community: Junior Gardeners, Willcutt Center, four communal gardens, Garden Therapy for seniors, financial awards of encouragement at Cohasset High School and so much more which relies upon this fundraising. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset knows that you will enjoy a stimulating most enjoyable day and it thanks you for your encouragement.

Harbor Hangout



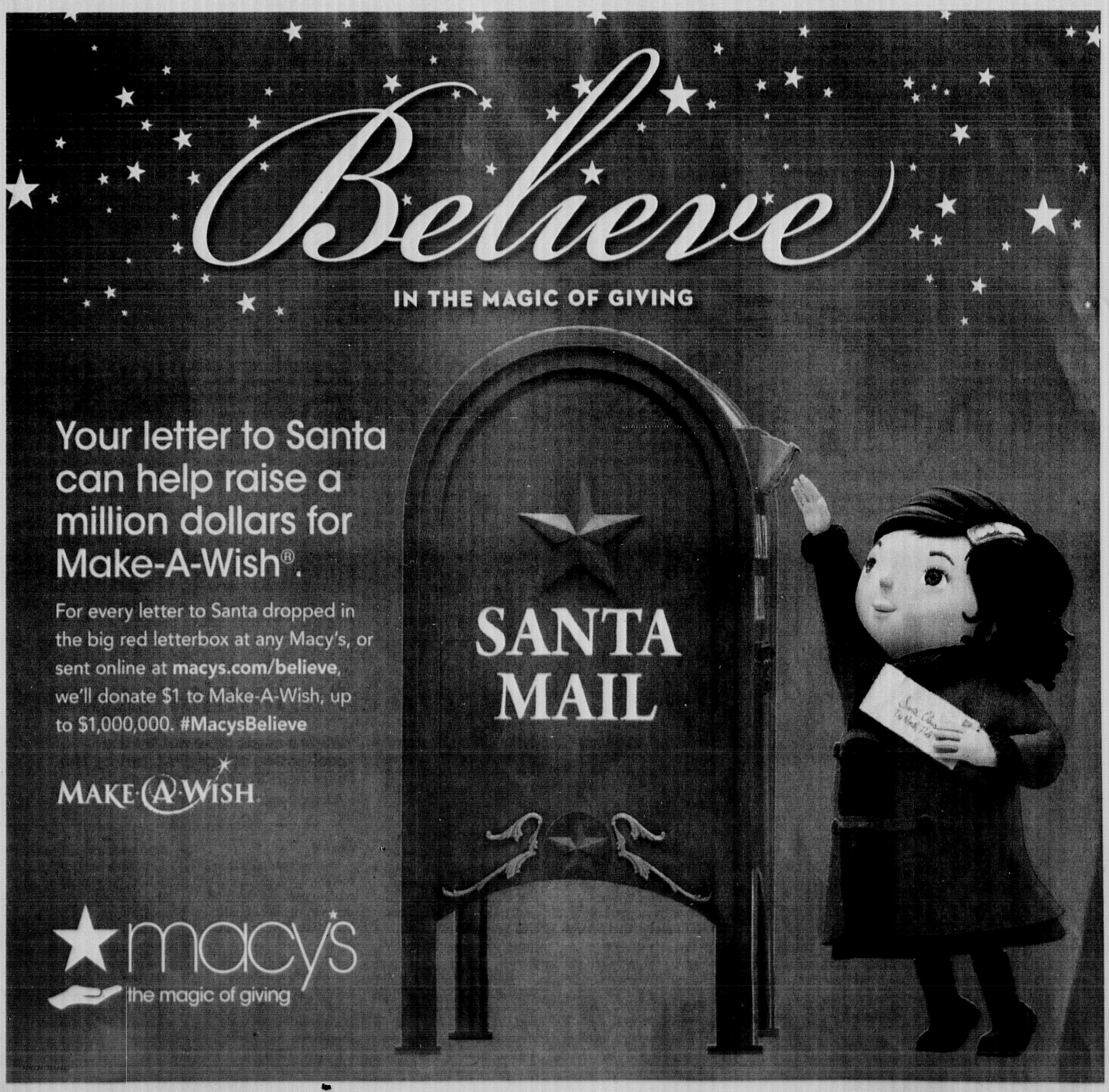
Two seals sun themselves on a dock in Cohasset harbor on a beautiful Friday afternoon. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN

VILLAGE FAIR

METCO wreaths for sale

Continuing its annual holiday tradition the Cohasset METCO program is offering beautiful fresh double-sided balsam wreaths for your festive decorating. The cost is $12 per holiday wreath and the proceeds benefit the Cohasset METCO Scholarship Fund.

Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset Village Fair inside the Second Congregational Church on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information please contact Connie Afshar at 781-383-6006 or c.afshar@comcast.net.



OPINION

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OUR VIEW

Holiday season, downtown

The lights are much brighter there
You can forget all your troubles, forget all your cares
So go downtown
Things will be great when you're downtown
No finer place for sure, downtown
Everything's waiting for you
Don't hang around and let your problems surround you
There are movie shows downtown
Maybe you know some little places to go to
So maybe I'll see you there
We can forget all our troubles, forget all our cares
So go downtown
— PETULA CLARK "DOWNTOWN" (COMPOSED BY TONY HATCH).

If you have reached a certain age then we have surely given you an earworm. You will be humming Petula Clark's 1964 mega-hit "Downtown" for at least the rest of the day. For those that are too young to remember the song – the tune is easy to track down on the Internet.

One of our favorite subjects at the Cohasset Mariner is our downtown, affectionately known as Cohasset Village. The Village, in our view, stretches beyond S. Main, Brook and Elm streets to encompass Depot Court, Ripley Road, part of N. Main by the Common, and the Harbor area. The Norman-Rockwellesque holiday season in the Village officially launched last Friday with the Jingle Bell Walk.

The Jingle Bell Walk is the type of event of which generational memories are made. We are sure there were parents of youngsters this year who wiped away a tear remembering when they were "kids" and loved greeting Santa at the harbor.

For more about upcoming holiday events in the village and harbor, see page A11 in this week's issue and check out the photos of the Jingle Bell Walk on pages A1 and A4.

The resiliency of Cohasset Village is a real success story in light of the fact that many downtowns, Main Streets and shopping streets across our country are virtual ghost towns with shoppers heading for large shopping malls with huge parking lots.

Yes, parking in our downtown can require the occasional "search" for a spot but so does going to South Shore Plaza! Finding a spot is well worth it, as you will find so many small, friendly shops with lots to offer.

Today even the big mall stores are facing challenges as more of us opt for shopping online, which is a boon for delivery service providers – but not so good if rent has to be paid.

The potential upside of that is, perhaps, more folks will be drawn back to the smaller shops with personalized service, often provided by the owner, who knows their inventory and can make suggestions.

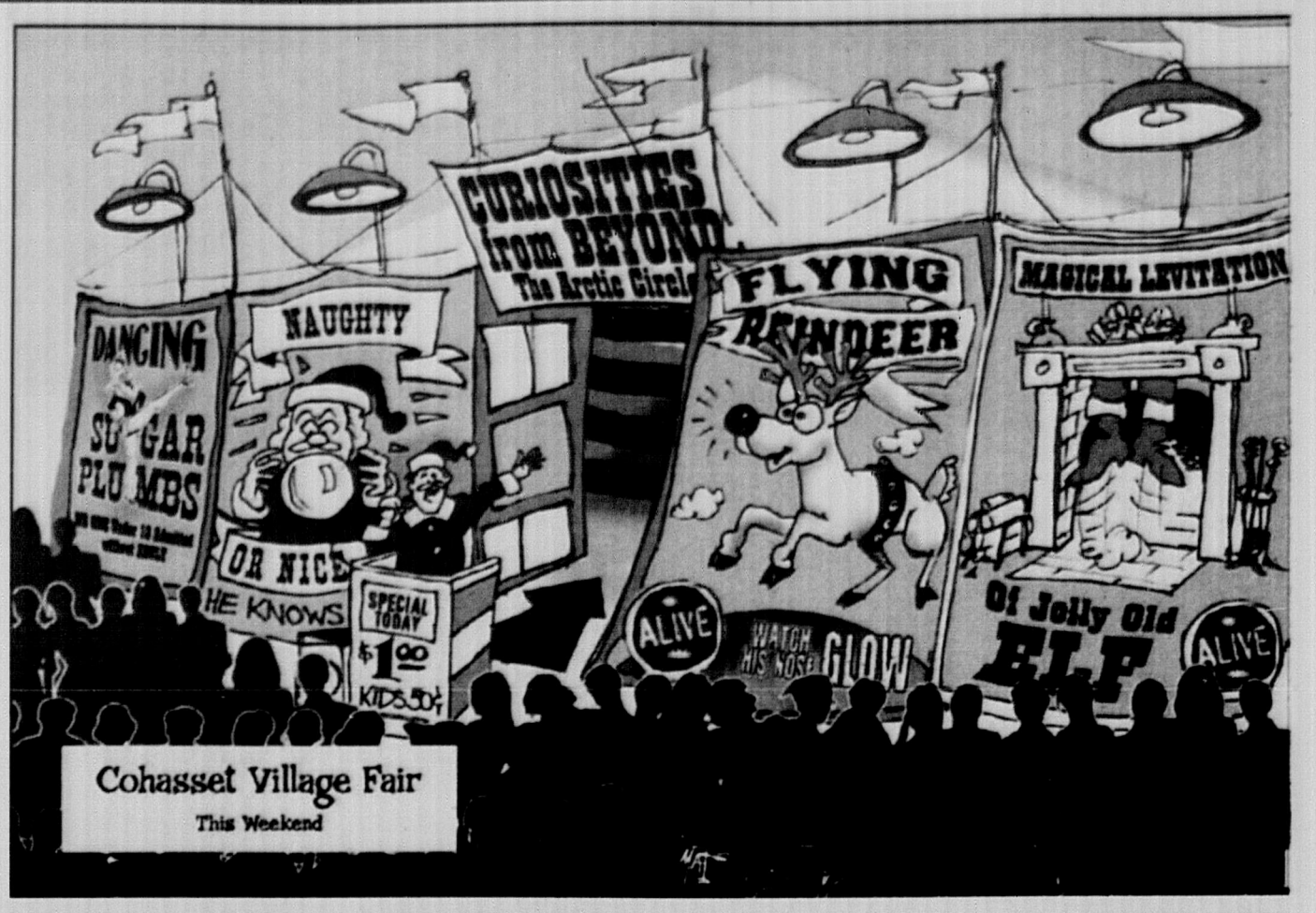
It can also be fun to get out of the house and shop where others are also in the holiday mood. Also, don't forget all the local shops along Route 3A.

DESIGN REVIEW

We are pleased to see the Design Review Board weighing in on the "looks" of the proposed storage facility on Scituate Hill off Route 3A across from lower King Street.

There is no town in the Commonwealth, in our view, that can rival Cohasset for ocean vistas, Colonial quaintness, and charm. But Route 3A -- which is the gateway to our town whether heading north or south -- could look better in spots.

Working with an applicant on the best design possible so the streetscape is enhanced benefits everyone.



GROWING ON THE FARM

Tune into the locally grown, fresh bounty

JON BELBER

There are eight containers of salsa and seven bins of tomato sauce in my freezer.

Before the frost, I blended some tomatillos and hot peppers for a salsa verde, and I oven roasted some tomatoes with onions and herbs. These "canned" items will be delightful, when, on a winter day, or late autumn if I grow impatient and the weather is cold enough, I will pull them out of the freezer to let thaw and heat on the stove top for some waiting chips and boiling pasta.

This cheap method of preserving the harvest is not as practical as setting that little bit of summer in canning jars. The skill and time of canning is far more of a ritual and harkens one to images of pantry shelves lined with seasonal crops. Peaches, beets, dilly beans, to name a few, are all worthy of preservation and an afternoon or more well-spent sterilizing jars, boiling the fruits and vegetables so they will last for a long winter.

Back in the sunnier days of fall, how wonderful it would be if more folks were to tune out the noise of injuries and concussion reports from different fields of green, so as to tune into the bounty of locally grown, organic produce and less expensive means to enjoy tomatoes and such for the parts of the year when the farm fields and garden plots are all frozen or covered in snow.

The sauce makers from Rao's, Prego or even the late great actor Paul Newman will continue to make their jars of tomato gravy and distribute them to grocery stores, but there are ample opportunities to make a greater impact on the environment by procuring our own sustenance. Even now, with only a light frost having hit our South Shore towns, there are vegetables, herbs and root crops that are ready for keeping. Bean seeds in green bean and scarlet runner pods are drying.

Soon, as I continue to be indoors more often, I can separate and count those bean seeds in advance of spring and before I order my seeds from seed catalogs that are already posted in the mail to try and compete with shoppers at this gifting time of year.

I have gifts right in front of me in the form of bundled and dried oregano and marigold seed for next summer's flowers. I could even set aside some ready compost for one's indoor plants come the holidays. But there is more to can, preserve and keep and for many others as well who may not have access to such produce, activity or kitchen space.

I have already begun the process of thinking about what and how to can from next summer's harvest.

The gardeners and plot tenders at Teak Sherman community farm pantry garden will be asked to help as they, too, plan what to grow in 2016. This garden invites folks to grow produce for themselves at the community garden in Scituate and asks them to donate a portion of their harvest to the Scituate Food Pantry. These committed gardeners also employ organic methods and practice sustainable agricultural practices, such as mixing in seaweed to their plots as a mulch and to help protect the soil from winter winds.

Wouldn't it be great to gather in a year or so at a church kitchen to preserve the harvest? I look forward to a time when the gardeners can gather and cook together. We could make meals and dishes which could be available for the community at the food pantry. We can research recipes new and old, we can find out what winter meals would be welcome for someone who relies on the food pantry.

We can go beyond the effort to donate produce and grow to help the food pantry for closer to twelve months a year. Let's further debunk the myth that farming ends with a Thanksgiving meal and rather can be extended, for all, well-beyond the time that the harvest is in. Let's stock the cupboards, fill the freezer and line the shelves with more healthy, organic, locally grown farm fresh food.

— Jon Belber is the education director at Holly Hill Farm. He teaches students and adults about organic gardening and farming. He can be reached by email at jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com. For information on upcoming programs at Holly Hill, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org.

BRIEFLY

The Board of Directors of the Council of Elder Affairs recently announced an opening for a new associate member.

Any persons interested in taking part are encouraged to submit an application, resume and a letter of interest to Tracy Connors, assistant to the town manager.

Items can be emailed to tconnors@cohassetma.org. or mailed to the Selectmen's Office, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

For an application and more information: Tcarlson1@aol.com.

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LETTER

Straits Pond waterfowl viewing park

I believe that people holding a shared thought can make things happen. I would like to ask you to use the power of your thoughts to help create a Straits Pond Waterfowl Viewing Park and Trail.

Picture enjoying a 2.5 mile walk around Straits Pond: one mile on Jerusalem Road, ⅘ mile on Atlantic Avenue and a new ⅗ mile between Atlantic Avenue and West Corner, where Cohasset, Hingham and Hull come together. Picture the Hull Land Conservation Trust successfully acquiring the key link for the Waterfowl Viewing Park: a Lofchie Path from the end of Richards Road to Hull Town-owned land along Straits Pond.

In addition to being able to walk all around the pond, picture the Lofchie Path giving you access across 600-million-year-old puddingstone to the Straits Pond Island causeway, one of the best bird watching places I know.

We will hear shortly whether we have been successful in obtaining a Massachusett Conservation Partnership Grant. We have been told there is strong competition. We are preparing to raise $29,000 to finish matching a $40,000 pledge from the Cohasset Conservation Trust. This pledge has a match deadline of Dec. 31st. Watch for more information next week. Thank you.

— Judeth Van Hamm, Hull Land Conservation Trust vice-president

PANTRY CORNER

Grateful for much community support

Hello and welcome to another edition of the Pantry Corner. We'd like to take this week's article to send a special thank you to those who helped us over the past few weeks. The response and support has overwhelming and greatly needed.

We start by again expressing our gratitude to the Kinnealey and family, and the TF Kinnealey Company for their generosity in donating all of our Thanksgiving turkeys.

Many thanks to Saint Stephen's Church, the Second Congregational Church, First Parish, Saint Anthony's Church and the Beechwood Congregational Church for all of their efforts.

Deepest appreciation to Stop & Shop and Shaws, the many Cohasset businesses Brownie and Girl Scout troops, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for your help this and past years, you all mean so much to us. Thank yous must be also be extended to all those who donated baked goods.

Finally, a high five to the faculty and students of the Cohasset Middle School and the Cohasset High School for literally donating an ambulance full of food to us, you're all life savers!

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future."
– George Bernard Shaw

We're especially thankful to Coach Peter Afanasiw, who organized the food drive at the school and the football team for their help.

Even with all of this, the Pantry still needs assistance through the upcoming holidays.

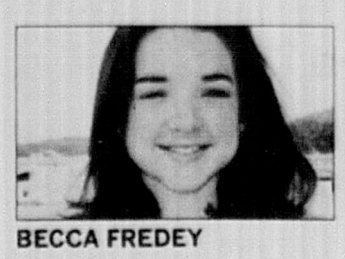
We will be open for donations on Sunday, December 20th 10-1 and Monday, Dec. 21st from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monetary donations and gift cards to both Stop & Shop and Shaws would be extraordinarily appreciated.

Thank you for caring.

— Please contact us using the number 781-383-0219 or at P.O. box 297 Cohasset Mass. 02025.
(Compiled by Andrew McSheffrey)

LIFE AT CHS

College, drama, sports and snow....?



BECCA FREDEY

...Seniors would be thrilled to see a few snow-days before graduation -- especially with the "get out of jail free" card we possess when it comes to make-up days.

The students of Cohasset High have grown rather used to the short school weeks after having many half-days and mini weekend-vacations. The first full week back to school was uncomfortably cold, uncomfortably rainy, and ever so long. The Dec. 1st deadline for last minute Early Action and Decision applications has come and gone and many students are beginning to mount the real issue surrounding college; scholarship consideration

Luckily, a select number of students in the senior class were awarded the John and Abigail Adams' Scholarship, which offers financial aid to students with outstanding MCAS scores for in-state colleges — though most students enjoyed the pizza luncheon that came along with the scholarship much more than the scholarship itself. Applications for new additions to the National Honor's Society are available on the school's website, and students who reached the qualifying GPA and volunteer hour requirement for the program are excited for the review process to begin.

The much-anticipated moment has finally arrived! The "Parfumerie" cast and crew already gave a splendid performance of their comedic play last night, and are coming back for one more show tonight at seven o'clock. This performance exemplifies all of the theatrical talent that CHS has to offer — especially for the senior class. This group of students has a phenomenal artistic track record — almost the entirety of the cast has previously been involved with a school-affiliated play or musical, and many of them plan to audition for the one-act play that will be taken to the Massachusetts Theater Guild Festival for competition in the spring of 2016.

Winter sports have officially begun! The swimming, basketball, as well as the girls' and boys' ice hockey teams, have begun their practices (evident by the massive gym bags the players lug around the halls — doesn't that hurt your arms?) Since these sports aren't necessarily played on school grounds (though I am in full support of installing an ice-skating rink on the back field — you'll never hear me complain about gym class again) it's sometimes easy to forget all the hard work these students put into their athletics. However, the student body is eager to support all the winter teams and await news about the first of their games and meets.

Sleigh bells aren't exactly ringing yet, but the students at CHS can sense it: the holidays are upon us. The chorus, led by Ms. Arenstam, continues practicing for the winter concert on Dec. 17th as well as the annual caroling trip on Dec. 11th. Students have the opportunity to take their merry singing voices and share with the community — and also get out of classes for a few hours.

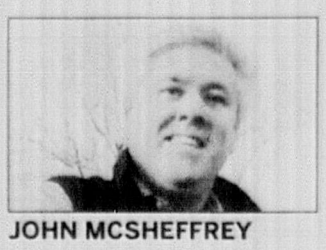
Winter break seems so close, but students would do well to remember that progress reports are still going to come out, tests will still be administered and, as much as we all would like to believe otherwise, Santa isn't going to bring you straight A's for Christmas — you'll actually have to put some work in.

Though I'm sure underclassmen don't want a repeat of last year's snow-apocalypse that consumed many wintertime chunks of school and left for some painstaking make-up days at the end of the year, the seniors would be thrilled to see a few snow-days before graduation — especially with the "get out of jail free" card we possess when it comes to make-up days. So bundle up, sing a Christmas carol or two and cross your fingers for some snow — unless, of course, you're the lucky family member who has to shovel it. In that case, just grab some hot chocolate and hope for the best!

—Becca Fredey is a senior at CHS and weekly columnist for the Mariner. It's only December 4th and already she's sick of hearing her sister sing "Baby, It's Cold Outside." She still joins in though — it's a duet, after all.

VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

Celebrate globally, shop and eat locally



JOHN MCSHEFFREY

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or whatever seasonal greeting makes you the happiest. Dec. 1st through Dec. 26th is most definitely the favorite time of the year for so many; a time for lights, joyous gatherings and of course shopping for others.

While the dream of a white Christmas is idyllic, last year's snowy winter was anything but to the small businesses in the area. Last winter's record snow fall was an icy slush ball to the face for the area's small privately owned businesses, with some not able to survive the negative impact. Yet even during their hardest times, business owners continued to step forth and help local charitable endeavors such as the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Now that it's the Christmas season, it's our turn to step forth. It's our turn support those businesses that have actively supported our community. It's our turn to take time to visit the shops and restaurants and thank them for helping make our area so great. It's our turn to open our hearts to our loved ones and open our wallets to the establishments that are an essential part of the area.

There are so many great places to shop and explore. To assist, I am offering up a few suggestions and even breaking them down into helpful categories. I hope you enjoy, share with others and truly take the time to shop local this year. By the way, each of the businesses and organizations mentioned below generously supported last winter's Pantry Palooza for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

Decorating Suggestions

■ For an extra string of lights, cords fuses, handy advice and a bag of popcorn, a trip to Hingham Lumber is an absolute must.We've already picked up our Christmas tree at Kennedy Country Gardens. There isn't a better place to go for wreaths, poinsettias, greeneries and festive decorations than Kennedy's, make sure you tell Chris that 'the Porch' says happy holidays.

■ A creative addition to your decorating should be a hand painted sign from Citrus Daisy in Norwell. Bright and joyful, a sign from Citrus Daisy is a guaranteed smile.

Gift Suggestions

■ Who wants a Cohasset-centric sweatshirt? 143Sportswear.com is the sportswear line of Goodwin Graphics. Check out their website, it's fun and it's local.

■ Outside In in Cohasset Village is perfect for ski and winter wear.

■ Did I hear you say books and toys? The options at Buttonwoods are as broad as one's imagination. They gift wrap too!

■ One of my favorite small businesses is Cohasset Cycle. Isn't it time for a bike under that Christmas tree?

■ Twist is another fun store in Cohasset Village. If you can't find something to make someone you love smile at Twist, then you haven't opened your eyes.

■ ARFotography.com is the website for Amy Russell Farber, whose photography will leave you speechless. Whether you're looking for a print of a local scape, or want a portrait of the family, check out Amy's site. Also, if you want to buy 'The Porch' a gift, I'll take that incredible photo of the commuter rail in the snow.

■ There is nowhere else anyone should ever go first for athletic equipment than Good Sport on Rt. 3A. Not enough great things can be said about Good Sport's involvement in the community and they have earned our business.

■ How about a gift of knowledge and entertainment? A subscription to the Cohasset Mariner would be perfect.A gift of music? Look no further than a gift card to the South Shore Music Circus.

■ Do you have someone in your life that loves golf? Check out the pro shop at the Black Rock Country Club, the home of the Cohasset JV Golf Team.

Services & Activity Related Gifts

■ If you know kids in grades 1 - 4 who are looking for a wintertime physical activity, get them a gift card to learn Kung Fu at Jade Forest on Rt. 3A. John Lupos is one of the best teachers around, you'll be happy you did.

■ For those car enthusiasts in your life, I can think of nothing better than a car detailing gift card from Scituate Collision.

■ I break out in hives when I hear the word math, but Mathnasium is doing wonders for so many kids struggling with the subject. It's the gift that will be appreciated years from now.

■ For the young arts and craft lover, you might want to consider Willow Creative Learning Center, it's pretty cool. Check out their Facebook page to learn more.

■ The commute last winter was horrid. Why not a gift card to the Work Station to use on those days when commuting seems like the worst option ever.

■ Maybe someone you know is looking for Holistic health coaching focusing on nutrition and cutting back sugars and unhealthy foods. Checkout the Facebook page for Your Nutritional Best located right here in Cohasset.

Dining & Food Suggestions:

■ As I said earlier this year, The Corner Stop restaurant is the perfect place for a date, especially in the holiday season.

■ If you're hosting a party and have a need for seafood, Mullaney's Harborside is a local favorite and the ideal solution.Having kids in to watch Christmas specials? No? Well you should, and while you're at it you might as well order some pizza and food from Cohasset House of Pizza, Victoria's Pizzeria and Olympus Grille.

■ Looking for the perfect place to meet a neighbor for a holiday toast, look no further than Mr. Dooleys.

■ JJ's ice cream gift cards are ideal for the kids in your neighborhood.

■ We all know Feng Shui will be rocking on New Year's Eve, but how about some take-in for your Christmas party too?

So those are just a few helpful suggestions from the team hear at 'The Porch' I truly hope we will all consider showing the same level of thoughtfulness and help ensure a vibrant and healthy business environment.

As always, thanks for reading and happy shopping every one!

—John McSheffrey was born and raised on the South Shore and he and his family have been part of the Cohasset community since 2007. John can be reached at jjmcs@aol.com

SEWER NOTICE

Plan of Study Public Workshop Dec. 9

The Sewer Commission invites all residents to participate in a public workshop at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Town Hall regarding future wastewater planning. As part of its responsibility to establish and implement policies that manage the town's wastewater systems, the Commission is overseeing on behalf of the town efforts by the environmental consulting firm GHD to prepare a Plan of Study identifying and prioritizing potential uses for the current surplus capacity of the wastewater treatment facility.

GHD and the Board over the past several months met with the Board of Health, Water Commission, Department of Public Works, and the Conservation Commission to solicit concerns and recommendations for areas of town that might be targeted for study. The Board would like to provide town residents an opportunity to provide input and to ask questions prior to release of GHD's final document for this phase of the project.

The purpose of preparing a Plan of Study is to focus the application of resources efficiently and effectively only on specific areas of concern warranting deeper investigation. Once identified, funding approval must be secured by Town Meeting in order to proceed with the next phase of the project. Future work would include review of public records on the condition of septic systems within the target areas, collection of additional data as required, evaluation and interpretation of the data, development of potential mitigation strategies, preparation of preliminary schedules and budgets to implement the work, analysis of cost versus benefit for each proposed strategy, and delivery of final recommendations.

LIBRARY CORNER

E-book workshop Dec. 16

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at: cohassetlibrary.org.

SUNDAY AUTHOR TALKS: Author Eileen Kane will give a talk about her book Russian Hajj: Empire and the Muslim Pilgrimage to Mecca at the library on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 4:00 pm. Free admission. Seating is limited. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow the talk. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits.

AUTHOR VISIT: Former Cohasset High School graduate Dave Zobel will give a talk about his new book The Science of TV's the Big Bang Theory: Explanations Even Penny Would Understand on Thursday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 p.m. A book signing will follow the talk. Books will be available for purchase.

AUTHOR VISIT: Robine Andrau will give a talk about her book Bowing to the Emperor: We Were Captives in WWII on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. A book signing will follow the talk. Books will be available for purchase. All are welcome.

E-BOOK WORKSHOP: Learn how to download free e-books from the library to your iPad, e-reader, or mobile device on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your library card & PIN information and your portable device and passwords for a hands-on experience.

LIBRARY KIDS

Save the date for STEM program

The following events for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit www.cohassetlibrary.org.

RELEASE DAY STEM PROGRAM: Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2-3:30 p.m. Sign up now. Ages 10 and older. "Make Your Own Video Game" with the Rhode Island Computer Museum. Learn how video games are created and make a video game sample using SCRATCH. Sign up online at cohassetlibrary.org

MUSIC: South Shore Conservatory Demo Class, Wed. Dec. 16, 10:30. SIGN UP NOW! Music Together demonstration class for ages 0-4 with caregiver. Reserve your space online by logging onto cohassetlibrary.org.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MAMASTEPH: Mondays, at 10:30 a.m.

LEGO CLUB: Mondays, Dec. 7 and 21, at 4 p.m.

PUPPET STORY TIME WITH LEIGH AND FRIENDS: Tuesdays, Dec. 15 and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

DROP IN CRAFTS: Thursdays, Dec. 10 and 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

READ TO A DOG: Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. Sophie will be at the library the first and third Tuesday of each month. Sign up upon arrival at the Children's Room desk. Practice reading skills with a non-judgmental listener. Sophie is a graduate of the Dog B.O.N.E.S. therapy dog program. For more information go to www.therapydog.info/.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Accept the challenge and sign up now. Registration forms and reading logs available in the Children's Room. For more information about this national program go to: 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten-program.

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STATE SENATE RACE

Hedlund resignation is first step in setting special election

By Alice Coyle
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When state Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) resigns will dictate how soon an election takes place to fill his seat. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

State Sen. Robert Hedlund won't be sworn in as Weymouth's new mayor until Jan. 4, but he'll likely resign his senate seat a month before that.

By doing so, Hedlund, R-Weymouth, can get the process of electing a new senator representing the Plymouth and Norfolk district rolling.

Once the Senate receives Hedlund's resignation letter, the next step would be a Senate vote to set the dates for a primary and a special election.

"Once the letter (of resignation) is filed with the clerk, the senate adopts an order to set the date," said Peter Wilson, a spokesman in Senate President Stanley Rosenberg's office.

Rosenberg told the State House News Service last month the people of the Plymouth and Norfolk district deserved to have representation and assured there would be a special election held to fill the seat.

Hedlund said in an earlier interview that it made sense to hold the senate primary March 1 — the same day as the presidential primary.

"My initial thought was you could have two primaries on the same day and then the special senate election on March 28," Hedlund said, estimating a span of 28 days would be needed between the two elections.

That would be a convenient date and would help voter turnout, said Hedlund, who would like to see a "level playing field for all the candidates who want to run.

"I'd like to see that it's fair for everybody and done at a minimum inconvenience and cost to the state," Hedlund said, noting that towns are reimbursed for the cost of holding special state legislative elections.

It will be up to the Secretary of State's office to set the election calendar following the senate vote, said Brian McNiff, a spokesman in the Elections Division.

As for holding an election to coincide with the presidential primary, McNiff said that's already happening in the 9th Plymouth District in Brockton where voters will also cast ballots March 1 for a new state representative following Rep. Michael D. Brady's resignation. A primary for that race is set for Feb. 2.

Hedlund said by submitting an "irrevocable" letter of resignation before Jan. 4, it will allow the Senate to get the process started and at least shoot for that March 1 date. He's confident an election will be held sometime in the spring.

Three candidates are already planning a run for the senate seat Hedlund has held for more than two decades. Democrat and Hingham Selectman Paul Gannon announced his candidacy in August before Hedlund was elected Weymouth mayor. Since Hedlund's victory over incumbent Mayor Susan Kay in early November, two candidates have tossed their hats in the ring — Independent Brian Cook, a former Weymouth resident now living in Duxbury, and Republican Patrick O'Connor, Hedlund's legislative director and Weymouth Town Council President.

"I'm actually surprised there aren't more candidates running," Hedlund said, recalling there were seven "credible candidates" in the running for the senate seat when he was elected in 1994.

Whichever candidate prevails in the spring will have to make another run in the fall, as the senate seat representing Weymouth, Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield Norwell and Duxbury opens up again in November.

Hedlund's waning days in the senate come at a slower time on Beacon Hill. Now that the holidays have arrived, there will be no formal sessions until the first of the year, Hedlund said.

"We have twice-a-week informal sessions," he said. "Nothing controversial or requiring roll calls."

Hedlund's offices in Boston and Weymouth remain open to handle constituent issues, but some of the staff will be moving on. O'Connor will resign soon as legislative director as he campaigns for his former boss' senate seat, and chief of staff Ted Langell will take on a new role working with Hedlund in the Weymouth mayor's office.

While things at the State House are quiet, Hedlund finds himself busy as he ties up loose ends and unfinished senate business and begins to transition into his new role at City Hall in Weymouth. When he comes on board Jan. 4, Hedlund will be dealing with several vacancies in key Weymouth government positions, including the town's planning director and chief financial officer.

"It's a difficult time right now, trying to get all this done in about a month and up against the holidays when no one is around," he said.

MEETING

Community Preservation seeking proposals

They've been off the radar for a few months, but the Community Preservation Committee is now gearing up for its 2016 season, and Chairman Russ Bonetti wants to see you at the first meeting.

"We want to let people know that the store is open," said Bonetti.

Bonetti invites any interested parties to attend a friendly gathering at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7th in the Town Hall basement meeting room. The board will discuss future meeting dates and times, and will field questions from community members.

If anyone has a project proposal ready to go, submissions are welcome on Monday, but they will not be discussed until January. This meeting is strictly a "meet the board members" event and should only last a half hour.

Come January, the committee will be weighing proposals in preparation for Annual Town Meeting in April. If meetings run smoothly, the consideration phase can wrap up by the end of February.

The Community Preservation Committee is an outgrowth of the state Community Preservation Act (CPA). Its purpose is to set aside funds to preserve and highlight the historical treasures of the town, as well as increase the town's open space, recreational facilities, affordable housing, and other community enrichment projects.

Cohasset is one of over 150 Massachusetts communities that have adopted this program.

ASSESSORS

FY 2016 Real Estate Tax Exemptions

Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is accepting applications for fiscal 2016 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2015, for all statutory exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2016. If you have filed for exemption since July 2015, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

Persons Over 70 Years of Age: $2,000.00 off. Clause 41C – if annual income is less than $20,000 (single person) or $30,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than $40,000 (single person) or $55,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous 10 years.

Surviving Spouse: No age requirement. $350 off. Clause 17D – also minors of deceased parents and persons older 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed $40,000 and must own and occupy for previous five years.

Disabled Veteran: $800 off. Clause 22 – At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans. Veteran must have been a Massachusetts resident six months prior to enlisting or live in Massachusetts for five consecutive years.

Blind Person: $875 off. Clause 37 – Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Tax Deferral: All or part of the tax. Clause 41A – Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2015, with income less than $51,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding 10 years. All or part of the tax may be deferred. (Effective 2007 the interest rate has been reduced to 4 percent.)

Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall, Floor 2B. For more information, call the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114, ext. 124.

FACILITY

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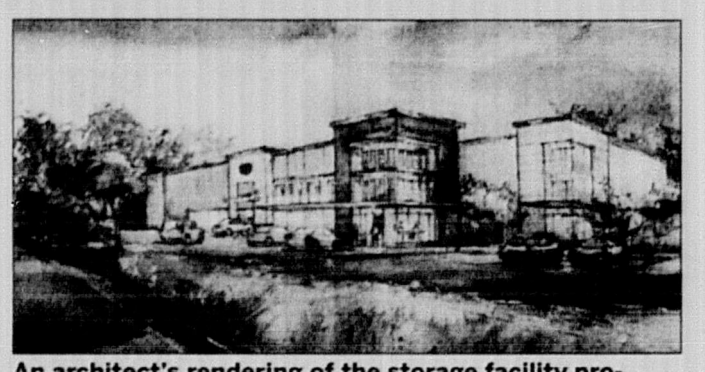

An architect's rendering of the storage facility proposed for Scituate Hill off Route 3A opposite Lower King Street.

nice thought into making the building look appropriate," said Robert Skolnick, design review board chairman. "They could've put a chain-link fence, but instead they're putting in a nicer-style wrought iron fence. They broke up the building somewhat to soften it, so it's not so warehouse-looking."

The planning board continued the public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. The applicant showed that the site plan had been improved in the manner suggested by the boards. The steep grade of the site had been reduced, and detail had been added to the drainage plan.

The applicant also presented a lighting plan and an expanded landscaping plan to help screen the dumpster site and, more importantly, improve the appearance of the development from the street.

After all, while the development isn't directly on the town line, it's one of the first things southbound drivers see when they enter Cohasset, so aesthetics matter. Additional plantings will soften the approach. The architect proposed additional measures to increase this effect, such as projecting corners and mock windows.

"It seems like a good progression from what we saw last time," said Brewer.

The public hearing will be continued at the board's Dec. 16th meeting, at which time the board expects to close the hearing, deliberate, and vote on the matter.

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Y = Yes; N = No, NV = No Vote (President rarely votes) * Not every item is voted on by both House and Senate

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators on roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

CHILD EXPLOITATION (S 2048)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment providing that the state establish age-appropriate guidelines for child exploitation awareness education for students in grades 2 and above. The program would define child exploitation, recognize types of it and create awareness of warning signs of child exploitation, child abduction and child sexual abuse.

Amendment supporters said it would educate children on the warning signs of child sexual abuse so they can be better prepared to defend themselves.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Michael Brady	**Yes**
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	**Yes**
Sen. Robert Hedlund	**Yes**
Sen. Brian Joyce	**Yes**
Sen. John Keenan	**Yes**
Sen. Mark Montigny	**Yes**
Sen. Marc Pacheco	**Yes**
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	**Yes**

CERTIFY COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION (S 2048)

Senate 9-28, rejected an amendment that would require companies that provide public schools with sexual health and child exploitation education to be certified by the state annually online or in a classroom.

Amendment supporters said that without this requirement, schools would be allowed to contract with non-certified entities. They noted the amendment would help ensure the education information provided is accurate and reliable.

Amendment opponents offered no arguments.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring certification. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Michael Brady	**No**
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	**Yes**
Sen. Robert Hedlund	**Yes**
Sen. Brian Joyce	**No**
Sen. John Keenan	**No**
Sen. Mark Montigny	**No**
Sen. Marc Pacheco	**No**
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	**No**

PARENTS "OPT IN" RATHER THAN "OPT OUT" (S 2048)

Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment that would change a provision in the current bill that requires parents who don't want their children to take a sex education course to "opt out" of the course by informing the school of that request. The amendment would replace the "opt out" provision with an "opt in" one that enrolls the student in a sex education class only if the parent gives consent.

Amendment supporters said the default should be that no student is signed up for the course unless the parent gives permission. They noted that sex education is a very sensitive and controversial topic that should not start off with the assumption that everyone is required to take the course.

Amendment opponents said the amendment will result in many students not receiving important information that will keep them safe. They noted that teen pregnancy and STD rates are too high and would be reduced by this education.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that enrolls a student only if the parent decides to opt in. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Michael Brady	**No**
Sen. Viriato deMacedo	**Yes**
Sen. Robert Hedlund	**Yes**
Sen. Brian Joyce	**No**
Sen. John Keenan	**No**
Sen. Mark Montigny	**No**
Sen. Marc Pacheco	**No**
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	**No**

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

GOVERNOR SIGN BILLS INTO LAW

Gov. Charlie Baker signed several bills into law this week including the following four:

FENTANYL TRAFFICKING (H 3755) - Creates the crime of trafficking the drug fentanyl in amounts greater than 10 grams and imposes a prison sentence of up to 20 years for those convicted of the crime. Under current law a person can only be charged with manufacturing, distributing or possessing fentanyl, but not with trafficking.

STOLEN VALOR (H 1641) - Makes it a crime for a person to misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran. Violators would be subject to a one-year prison sentence and/or a $1,000 fine.

FLAG HOLDERS (H 3173) - Makes it a crime to destroy, mutilate or deface an American flag, veteran's commemorative flag holder or a commemorative flag holder representing service in either the police or fire department. Offenders would be sentenced to up to five years in prison.

FREE ACCESS TO STATE PARKS FOR VETERANS (H 3243) - Provides Purple Heart recipients free access to state parks, state forest recreation areas and state reservations. Currently free access is provided for disabled veterans and handicapped persons.

OTHER BILLS GET INITIAL APPROVAL OR ARE DELAYED

BOSTON CREAM PIE CUPCAKE (H 3366) - The House gave initial approval to a bill making the Boston cream pie cupcake the state's official cupcake. The measure is sponsored by Rep. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield). The campaign for this designation is based on Springfield's Koffee Kup Bakery version of this dessert.

As the story goes, Gov. Baker during a campaign stop was introduced to the dessert and it's been a love fest ever since. Puppolo said, "Gov. Baker has made this cupcake popular with friendly wages." When Baker bets with other governors on sporting events, his "go to" item is a box of Boston cream pie cupcakes. He has bet with several governors including Indiana's Gov. Mike Pence when the Patriots played the Colts in the AFC championship game and with North Dakota's Gov. Jack Dalrymple when Boston University and the University of North Dakota faced each other at the Frozen Four national semifinal.

The Boston cream pie donut has been the state's official donut since 2003 while the Boston cream pie has held the title of official dessert of the Bay State since 1996.

"It's time Massachusetts has an official cupcake," concluded Puppolo.

SLEEP AWARENESS WEEK (H 2805) - The House gave initial approval to a bill designating the second week of March as Massachusetts Sleep Awareness Week. The focus would be on the problems of sleep deprivation and fatigue including drowsy driving, impaired reaction time, increased moodiness and aggressive behavior.

ASSESSMENT ON PAINT (S 408) - The Senate has delayed action on a bill that would create the Massachusetts Paint Stewardship Program, run by paint manufacturers, to coordinate the collection, recycling, reuse and environmentally sound disposal of used leftover house paint purchased by consumers. The program would be funded by adding a fee to paint sold in the Bay State. The bill mandates that under the plan, at least 90 percent of residents have a collection site within a 15-mile radius and that at least one collection site is established in each city and town with a population of 50,000 or more.

Supporters say this environmentally friendly and fiscally responsible program will increase the recycling of paint, save millions of dollars in paint disposal costs for cities and towns and create many green jobs.

Some opponents said the fee is nothing more than an unnecessary tax on consumers already overburdened with taxes. Others say this would create a slippery slope which could lead to this type of recovery system and tax on other items including spray cans, pillows, mattresses and tires that the government would decide need to be handled the same way.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of November 23-27, the House met for a total of one hour and one minute while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 17 minutes.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Time to paint the town red and green

Whether you identify more with Buddy the Elf or Uncle Scrooge during the holidays, there's bound to be something on Cohasset's holiday calendar that you and your family will enjoy.

VILLAGE FAIR: SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH Village churches invite you to make the rounds during their annual Village Fair. Four churches will be participating.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the ASP Secret Room will be open on the first floor of St. Stephen's. Children of all ages will have an opportunity to "shop" with teen volunteer "elves" for holiday gifts for family members and friends. The elves will wrap and label gifts. At the same time, all ages will be welcome to browse St. Stephens' annual book fair.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Santa will be on the Common. Children of all ages will be welcome to visit with the man in red and have their pictures taken. Photos can be transformed into snow globe keepsakes, ornaments, buttons, and holiday cards in Bates Hall of Second Congregational Church.

Proceeds from the above events will support the 2016 Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip to repair homes in the central Appalachian Mountain region next June.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Philoptochos ladies of the Panagia Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset will be at the Community Center with wreaths, swags, Greek pastries, clam chowder, chicken soup, baked goods and hot coffee. Wreaths can be pre-ordered by calling 781-492-6587.

First Parish will also be hosting its annual ReUUsable Sale in Trueblood Hall of the Parish House. Stop by between 10 and 2 for bargains on gently-used housewares, linens, furniture, antiques, jewelry, books, sporting goods, and children's clothing and toys.

The Rusty Skippers will be performing their annual Holiday Pops Concert at First Parish Church on the Common at 12 p.m. The Skippers will be playing a variety of Christmas pieces including several new pieces and two sing-alongs. The concert is free and appropriate for all ages. A free-will cash offering will be taken for the Cohasset Food Pantry.

HOLLY DAY FAIR: SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH In addition to being the last day for the Holly Hill Farm Stand, Saturday will be the farm's seventh annual Holly Day Fair. Shop in the heated greenhouse for holiday gifts made by local artisans, or join the holiday wreath workshop at the tomato barn. 20-inch grapevine bases, fresh holly, juniper, white pine sprays, and colorful sumac seeds will be provided for a fee of $20 to members, $25 to non-members.

Weather permitting, you're invited to hop on the tractor for a jolly hayride and really get into the holiday spirit!

"YULETIDE" CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR: THURSDAY, DEC. 10TH Once every two years, the Garden Club hosts a Christmas house tour to support the club's care of four community gardens, including ones at the Lightkeeper's House and Historical Society. Tour five beautiful Cohasset homes in all their Christmas splendor from 10 to 4 on Thursday, Dec. 10th.

Lunch will be included, and guests will have access to a marketplace featuring handmade crafts for the home and for gifting, including stockings, ornaments, flower bulbs, and their timeless seashell Christmas trees and wreaths.

Tickets for the house tour can be purchased for $40 from Flemings, Darilynn's, and Buttoonwood Books and Toys, or online at gardenclubofcohasset.org. A discounted $35 ticket is available for guests attending 2 to 4 p.m. only, no lunch included. Day-of tickets will cost $45.

Second hand goods are available at the ReUUsable Sale at Parish House during the Cohasset Village Fair. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

SAILING CLUB OPEN HOUSE AND ARTIST SHOWCASE: FRIDAY, DEC. 11TH AND SATURDAY, DEC. 12TH Fine artist Michael Coyne and photographer Mike Sleeper will showcase their work against the beautiful backdrop of the brand new Sailing Club. The Friday night reception will feature Norwell High School singer/songwriter Carolyn Flaherty performing from 6 to 9 p.m.Or, just swing by on Saturday while you're in town for the Holiday of Lights!

HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS: SATURDAY, DEC. 12TH The spirit of the season will sweep the Village from 4 to 7 p.m. during the annual Holiday of Lights, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Village trees will be lit up with holiday lights, and the streets will be lined with luminaries in Mason jars. An a cappella group will be roaming the streets, singing carols.

The large tree on the Common will be illuminated at 4 p.m. as Santa arrives on the hayride. A large picture frame will be set up near the tree for families to take festive photographs later in the evening. As always, hayrides around the Common will be offered.

Businesses will provide special activities and refreshments, and an outdoor marketplace will include tables for 3A vendors. There is still space available, so if you own a business on 3A and would like a table at the festival, contact Jennifer Merkler at 781-383-3555.

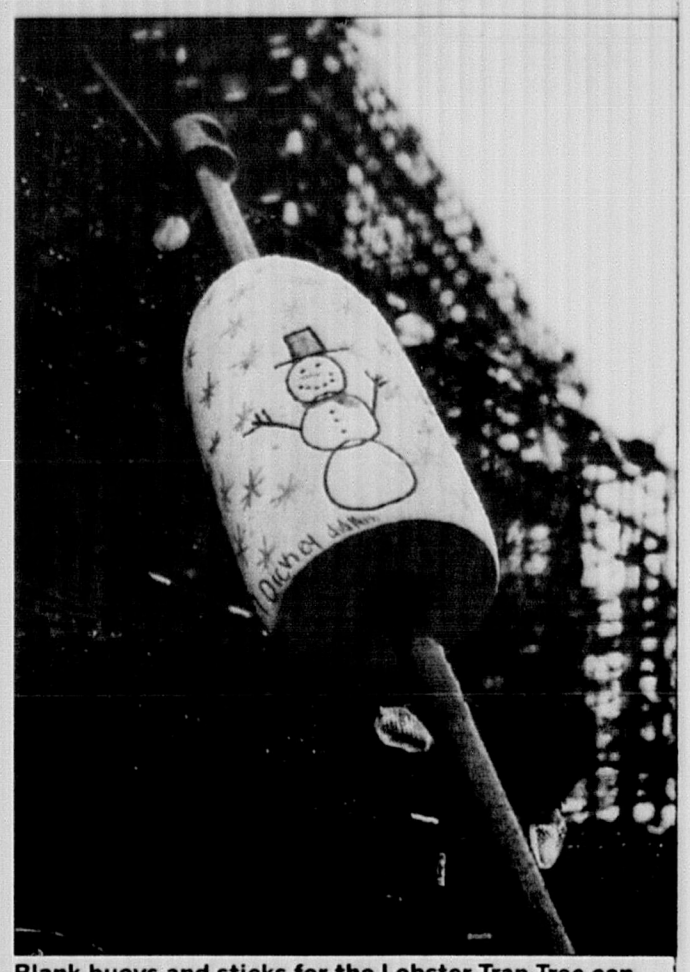
Village shops will host a "letters to Santa" station and a photo booth. Pilgrim Bank will offer finger-printing for children, and Sotheby's will offer prizes for the best gingerbread house (houses must be constructed and delivered; materials will not be provided).

While you're in town, swing by the Art Center for the Holiday Stroll Open House from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be music and craft activities, including an Origami ornament workshop. Small works by gallery artists will be on display and priced for holiday giving.

Gallery Artist Dianne Panarelli Miller will be painting 30-minute portraits in oil for $100 per half-hour sitting, per person, for up to three people. Register ahead of time at SSAC.org – only eight slots are available, and they're going fast!

Note that some roads will be closed or have limited access during the Holiday of Lights, and street parking will be limited.

3RD ANNUAL LOBSTER TRAP TREE LIGHTING: SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH Now in its third year and with a large group of supporters and folks behind the scenes, the lobster trap tree lighting is well on its way to becoming a staple tradition of Christmastime in Cohasset. This year's tree will be constructed, per tradition, on the Salt House patio next to the Atlantica restaurant.



Blank buoys and sticks for the Lobster Trap Tree can be purchased at the American Legion Post, 98 Summer St., for $10. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO

The massive tree comprises 400-plus traps provided by Cohasset lobsterman Ricky Barrow, over 1,000 white lights and buoy "ornaments" borrowed from local lobstermen, and a four-foot nativity star.

All community members are invited to decorate a buoy to hang on the tree. Blank buoys are available from the Cohasset American Legion at 98 Summer Street for $10 each. Return decorated buoys to the Legion and they will be included on the tree.

Cohasset resident John Covell will call for the tree to be lit on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 5 p.m. sharp. Come a little early to stake out a good spot and enjoy hot chocolate and mulled apple cider courtesy of Atlantica. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be in attendance while holiday music plays.

RUSTY SKIPPERS HOLIDAY CONCERT: SATURDAY, DEC. 19TH The Rusty Skippers will perform at Willcutt Commons (91 Sohier Street) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19th.

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ROTARY PRESENTATION

Curtains rise on new drug education plan

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Shrand started Drug Story Theater, an improvisational theater program for teens who are in the early stages of recovery from drug or alcohol addiction.

On Monday, Nov. 30th, the Rotary Club fielded a presentation from Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition and Dr. Joseph Shrand, Medical Director of "CASTLE" (Clean and Sober Teens Living Empowered).

As an offshoot of his work with CASTLE, Shrand started Drug Story Theater, an improvisational theater program for teens who are in the early stages of recovery from drug or alcohol addiction. These teens learn the skills of improv theater and use performance to share their own true experiences with addiction in hopes that other teens will learn from their mistakes and not follow the same path.

Shrand and Coalition President Christine Murphy shared statistics about teen substance abuse in Cohasset and beyond, including results of a "Communities that Care" survey conducted at Cohasset schools last spring.

The survey showed that Cohasset needs to focus on teen usage of alcohol and marijuana, with some attention also being given to prescription drug abuse.

The coalition is looking for support from the Rotary Club to help bring this important educational program to the youth of Cohasset while they are in this impressionable stage of life. Drug Story Theater has already performed at Marshfield and Duxbury schools.

Shrand, who is also an instructor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and an assistant child psychiatrist at Mass General, spoke to Rotary members about the malleability of the teenage brain.

He explained that youth who start using alcohol or drugs before the age of 18 have a one-in-four chance of becoming addicted, while those who start using after the age of 21 have only a one-in-20 chance.

By letting kids see the entire spectrum of their peers' struggles and the play-out of the decisions they made, Shrand is trying to transform the treatment of one into the prevention of many.

Murphy said the message was received well by the Rotary Club. "The realization has sunk in that we really need to do something different here in Cohasset to affect change," she said. "I felt like I had a lot of support there."

Murphy and the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition will continue to seek additional support for bringing Drug Story Theater to Cohasset High School in spring 2016.

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UPDATE

Gas main project wraps up in village

National Grid completed its work on Cohasset Village gas mains this week. Starting in September, the utility replaced 2,400 linear feet of aging, 2-inch steel gas mains with new 4-inch plastic ones.

The project spanned the whole village area: Ripley Road, Depot Court, South Main Street, Jason Road, Elm Street, Brook Street, and even a little bit of North Main Street near the Community Center. Construction also took place in the municipal parking lot.

The project was slated to last six to eight weeks but hit some weather-related delays, and also found unexpected materials underground near the James Brook Culvert. Instead of concrete, they found granite and rubble that had to be removed.

But the job still got done. Old mains were abandoned in place on Thursday night and vented out. The project boasts 27 services replaced to homes and businesses as well as seven new connections to the existing main, which were used to activate the new one.

Drivers may encounter leftover road plates this week, but those will soon be gone and trenches will be filled. This patch job will remain throughout the winter as materials settle. The utility agreed to provide curb-to-curb restoration come spring, including crosswalk restoration.

The old mains had been in place since 1928 and were long overdue for replacement, with a history of small leaks. The new gas mains are projected to last more than 50 years, so it should be a long time before this sort of construction happens again. National Grid hopes to tackle Sohier Street next year.

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SAVE THE DATE

Art Center to hold holiday stroll open house

South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Road, will hold a holiday stroll open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Dec. 12.

The event includes holiday music and Make and Take Art Activities for all ages, featuring origami ornaments with Weymouth artist Chris Chiba in the Bancroft Gallery.

Visitors can view two exhibitions "200+ Small Works by Gallery Artists" and "On the Edge," a national juried show featuring artists from across the country, juried by Denise Markonish. SSAC members save 15 percent on all art purchases during the holiday stroll hours.

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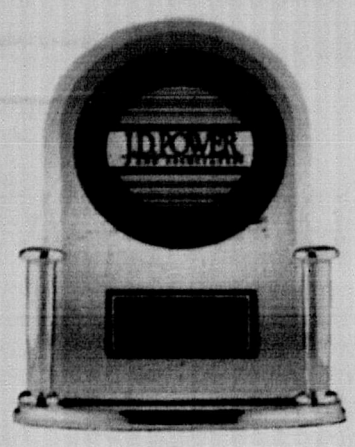

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FOOTBALL

All-Stars

Congratulations to members of the Cohasset football team who were named South Shore League Small School All-Stars.

Jack Donohue, Alex Norton, Chris Norton, Max Fitzgerald, Sean Mavilia, Bobby Driscoll and Jack Osten, all seniors, were named to the team.

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THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL

Lined up perfectly

Skippers run over Hull Thanksgiving Day

By William Wassersug
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Thanksgiving Day turned out to be a good day for the Cohasset football team for a few different reasons.

First of all was the 26-6 final score that went in the Skippers' favor on a windy, but comfortable Thanksgiving morning at Hull High School.

Another reason was the return of quarterback Dan Axelson, who had been out with an injury most of the season.

Thirdly, there was Chris Norton, who eclipsed the 1,000 yard rushing mark in the game.

For Norton, getting the 1,000 yards was a big achievement. At the beginning of the season, Norton was behind Nick Hall in the running rotation, but Hall was injured early in the season, and Norton picked up the weight, hitting 1,000 yards in just seven starts.

"My linemen were great," Norton said. "They were

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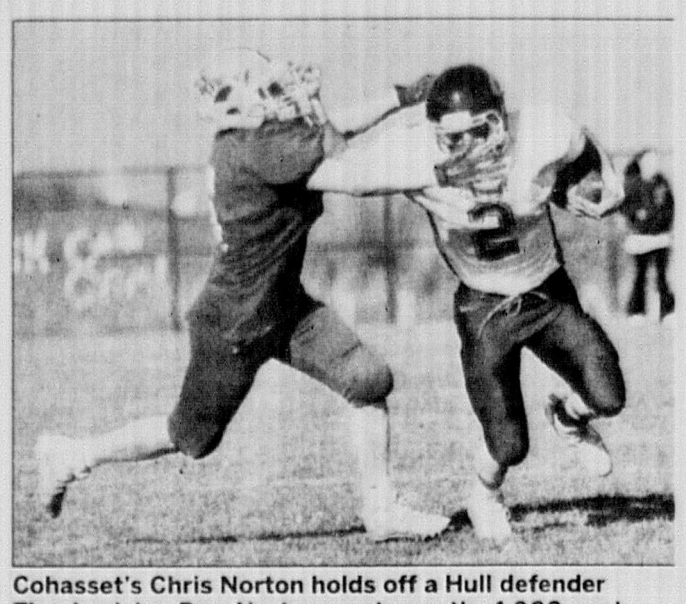

Cohasset's Chris Norton holds off a Hull defender Thanksgiving Day. Norton went over the 1,000 yard mark for the season. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

SOCCER

Inside the 6: 2015's final rankings

Cohasset's Julia Richardson was in the spirit for her team's appearance in the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional Final. Cohasset finished No. 4 in our final Inside the 6 poll. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Skipper boys and girls on list

By Ryan Wood

Wow, another year is in the books, and what a year it was. The two preseason favorites wound up coming back to claim the No. 1 spots after going up and down the rankings. The Norwell boys and Hingham girls turned in tremendous performances in the postseason and more than deserved their No. 1 end-of-season, final rankings. The rest of the top six on both sides looks slightly different than how it did at the end of the regular season. Here are the final 2015 rankings; the previous week's ranking is in parentheses. Also, check out the 2015 Inside the 6 Players of the Year.

BOYS

1. Norwell (2) - The Clippers came into the year

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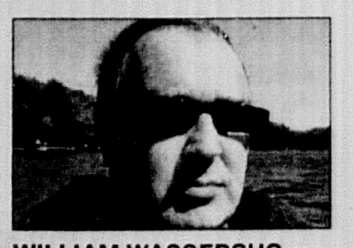
POPPIN' OFF

Turning the page

Preparing for winter sports the focus



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I don't know why it seems to happen to me every year, but it always seems that the winter season sneaks up on me.

I can't explain why, but for some reason, I never think about winter until football, and fall playoffs are over.

The past few years have been a bit more intense, with Cohasset in the Super Bowl.

That has been the day when I start thinking about winter.

Hockey has been a big focus for me the past few years - not necessarily the sport, but the preparation I put in to be ready to get to the rink.

New winter warm boots, check. New winter jacket, check. Insulated hat, got it. Gloves, hand warmers, foot warmers, getting there.

Guess I'm a lightweight when it comes to cold weather.

On the football front, just saw the new alignment for MIAA South.

Looks like Cohasset will be playing in Division 4 South, with Wareham, Seekonk, Case, Bourne, Nantucket, Monomoy, Coyle-Cassidy, Diman, Bristol-Plymouth, Carver, Mashpee, and Holbrook.

Speaking of Cohsset football, I was a little surprised to see Mashpee making it to the Super Bowl.

I know they are a very good team, but from the limited times I saw Millis-Hopedale, and what they did to Cohasset, and Mashpee, who the Skippers beat, I just wasn't expecting it.

Hate to say I was expecting what happened to the Patriots, in a way.

Figured the injury situation was going to come back and bite them sooner than later, but that Denver game was a heartbreaker (a 30-24 overtime loss with Patriots giving away a 14-point lead.)

I felt a little bit of guilt for the outcome, as earlier in the day as a joke I donned my Broncos Anderson jersey.

No, not the C.J. Anderson who whomped the Pats, but Mike Anderson, who played there from 2001-2005.

It was meant as a good natured joke on a friend, and I was wearing all Patriots gear before and during the game, but there's that superstition that it was me messing with the juju.

At least Rob Gronkowski isn't done for the year, like everyone watching the game when he went down - at least that's what they tell us.

Hope he's OK.

Truthfully, if the Patriots can hang on, win the bye and home field for the playoffs, they could be in decent shape with a bunch of the injured returning right about then.

On the subject of injuries, if you take a look at the Cohasset football team there are a few interesting tidbits.

For one thing, there were some kind of similar numbers between Dan Axelson, who started and finished the season, and Xander Schubert, who started 10 games while Axelson was out with an injury.

Schubert was 25-40 passing for 404 yards with 8 touchdowns and 5 interceptions.

In five starts, Axelson was 23-48 for 435 yards and 8 touchdowns with 1 interception.

In the running game, Chris Norton led the way with 1,015 yards and 8 touchdowns in 10 games (seven starts). In all, he had 1,077 all-purpose yards.

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

★★ Field Hockey Captains ★★

★★ Girls Soccer Captains ★★

Cohasset field hockey captains.

Cohasset girls soccer captains WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

The Cohasset field hockey and girls soccer teams both finished amazing seasons with trips to the MIAA South Sectional Final games.

Both teams lost in the finals, but as girls soccer coach Deb Beal said, "Getting here is half the fun."

Both teams were led by tremendous senior captains who helped keep the teams together. The field hockey team finished the regular season with an unbeaten record.

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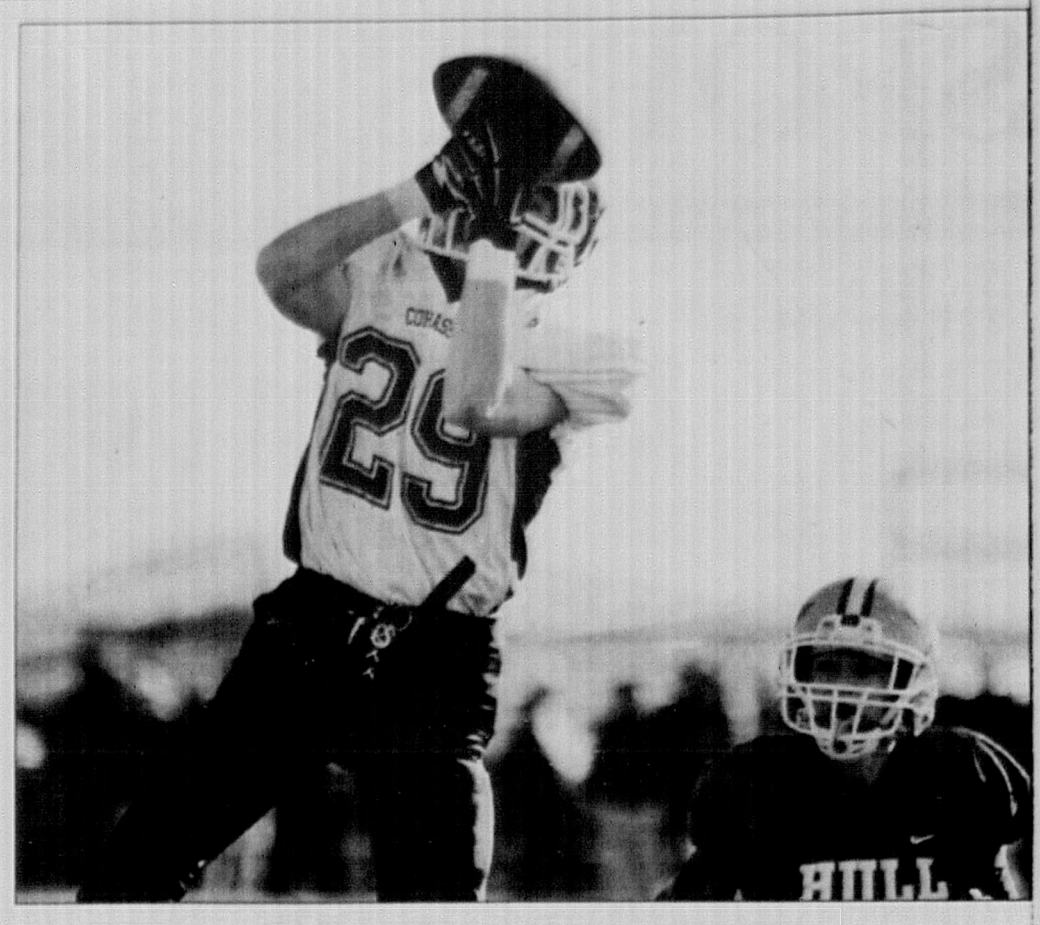
Cohasset's Will Thomas wraps up Cohasset quarterback Joey Dubovy on Thanksgiving Day WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS/WILLIAM WASSERSUG



Ray Tolosko makes a catch at Hull, Thanksgiving Day.

SKIPPERS

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great pushing us forward. The line carried the team."

Norton was happy to get to the magic number.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "Getting 1,000 yards in my final game. It's a great way to end my career, and a great thing for the linemen."

Cohasset scored the first two touchdowns of the day, for a 13-0 lead, but Hull cut into that edge and Cohasset lead 13-6 at the half.

Norton had the first touchdown, turning a Hull turnover into 6 points with a 3-yard run.

Ray Tolosko scored next, hauling in a 26-yard pass from Axelson for a 13-0 lead with Henry Butenschoen's kick.

He added a short run to cap an 80-yard drive early in the third quarter, and Cohasset finished up the scoring with a long pass to Jack Donohue.

Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw was glad to have Axelson back.

"Having him back was really nice," he said "Xanded (Schubert) got us through a tough stretch, but Dan's the senior with a little more leadership. Seeing him able to take advantage of his senior year, this was his last game. That was pretty special."

Axelson was glad to be back.

"It was awesome," he said. "I've been working hard, trying to get back."

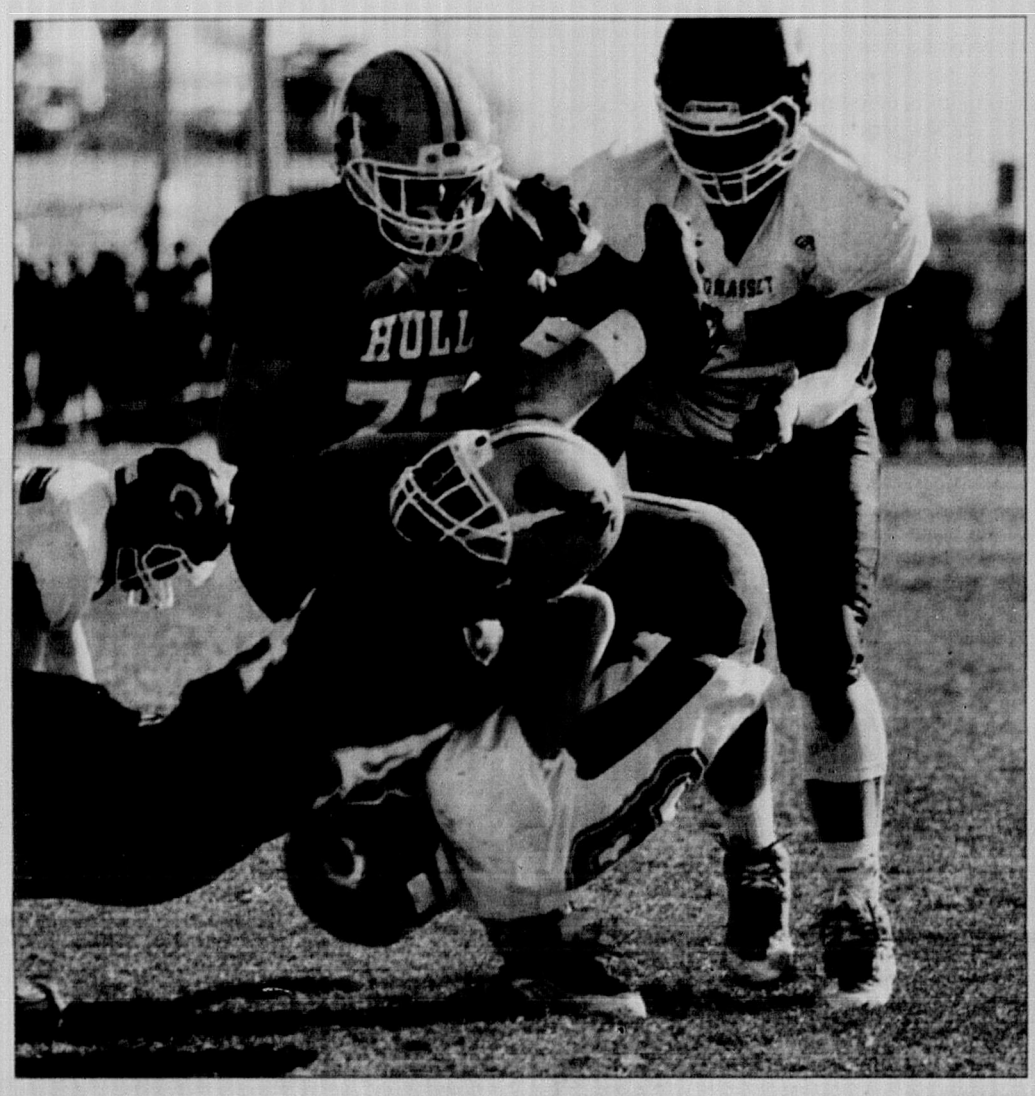
Axelson will be playing lacrosse at Providence next year.

On the whole, Afanasiw was happy with the game and the players who made it happen.

"The kids did a nice job," Afanasiw said. "Over the span of this senior group, we added it up yesterday. They haven't lost more than two games in a year. The record was 36-6. They're mostly starters."

One thing that helped was the execution.

"It was great to see everybody execute," Afanasiw said. "We got Chris Norton over the 1,000 yard mark, which was great, in only seven games. He's a really special player, as is the whole senior class. What a great group of kids. They're going to be sorely missed. It's going to be tough to replicate what they did."



Hull's Pete Gianabis flips Cohasset's Cole Sullivan as Ronan O'Reilly and Alex Norton look on.

Hull's Tom Harrigan tries to escape the clutches of Chris Norton, Thanksgiving Day. Cohasset won 26-6.

Left: Cohasset's Chris Norton broke the 1,000 yard mark for the season during the Thanksgiving Day Hame. Hull's Joey Dubovy tries to make the tackle.

Cohasset seniors pose with their trophy for winning the annual Thanksgiving Day game at Hull.

Hulls' Fern Barry chases Cohasset's Chris Norton during the Skippers' 26-6 Thanksgiving Day win at Hull.

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as the preseason No. 1, and they end the year at the top. They went up and down the rankings all season, but after a postseason that nearly made school history, not to mention a 19-win campaign, the Clippers claim the top spot. In the Division 3 South Sectional tournament, the Clippers beat Dennis-Yarmouth, Hanover, and Foxboro (in double overtime in the semifinals) before falling in the finals to eventual state champions Norton in double overtime.

2. Braintree (1) - After dominating nearly the entire year, the Wamps put together an impressive run in the postseason. As the No. 3 seed in Division 1 South, the Wamps beat Plymouth South and Franklin before going down to eventual South champions Brockton, 4-3 in double overtime, finishing the year at 17-4-2.

3. Pembroke (NR) - What a year for the Titans. Under the direction of first-year head coach Adam Scott, Pembroke went 13-4-4, going all the way to the Division 2 South Sectional semifinals, falling to a strong Medfield side. In the postseason, the No. 5 seed Titans beat Westwood and Randolph before their year came to an end.

4. Hingham (4) - They came into the postseason ranked No. 4 and finished that way. Hingham, the No. 6 seed in Division 2 South, beat No. 11 Bristol-Plymouth before losing in double overtime to No. 3 seed, and eventual state champions, Oliver Ames. Hingham ends the year with a 12-5-3 record.

5. Silver Lake (3) - A brief postseason certainly didn't damper the solid season Silver Lake had in 2015. The Lakers, who came into the Division 1 South Sectional tournament as the No. 1 seed but lost to No. 17 Xaverian in the first round, finished the year at a more-than-respectable 14-3-4.

6. Cohasset (NR) - The Skippers capped a tremendous season by going deep in the Division 4 South tournament. They blanked both Carver and Old Colony before bowing out to No. 1 seed, and then unbeaten, Nantucket, 2-0, to finish at 14-3-2.

On the bubble: Carver, Hanover, Marshfield, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth

Player of the Year - Will Gallagher (Silver Lake) - Gallagher may go down as one of the best keepers in Silver Lake boys soccer history. The senior capped his career by allowing less than a goal a game during the season, finishing with a 0.737 goals against average. His play kept the Lakers in several games in 2015, and he was a key reason the Lakers earned the No. 1 seed in Division 1 South this fall.

GIRLS

1. Hingham (4) - They started at the top, fell off the charts, but now find themselves where they want to be - in the No. 1 spot. The Hingham girls (17-5-1) finish the year at No. 1 after winning the Division 2 state title for the second year in a row. In the Division 2 South tourney, Hingham beat Falmouth, Scituate, Duxbury, and Notre Dame before shutting out Concord-Carlisle in the state finals.

2. Marshfield (1) - The Rams would've liked to have seen their season go a little bit further than the Division 1 South first round, but they fell to Natick, 1-0, in their only tournament game of the year. Take nothing away from them, the Rams had an excellent season, winning the Atlantic Coast League title and ending with a 14-5-2 record.

3. Norwell (2) - The Clippers also saw their season end a little earlier than planned. They lost, 1-0, in two overtimes to Dedham in the Division 3 South Sectional tournament. The 13-3-3 Clippers put together an impressive season, shutting out more than 75 percent of their opponents in 2015.

4. Cohasset (NR) - They fought to chip their way into the top six during the regular season, but were stalled by teams ahead of them, but the Skippers end the year at No. 4, finishing with a 13-7-2 record. They did more than impress during the postseason, going all the way to the Division 4 South finals before losing to league rivals East Bridgewater.

5. Carver (6) - The Crusaders (14-6-1) had one of the most consistent seasons, producing one big victory after another. They beat West Bridgewater and Sturgis before falling to Cohasset in penalties in the semifinals.

6. Rockland (NR) - The Bulldogs watched most of this poll from the outside, but they finish in the top six after an impressive run in the Division 4 South Sectional tournament. They beat Norfolk Aggie and then Nantucket, 2-1, in the quarterfinals, before falling to eventual state finalist East Bridgewater, 3-2, in the South semifinals.

On the bubble: Abington, Hanover, Scituate, Silver Lake, Weymouth

Player of the Year: Ally Reynolds (Weymouth) - The Wildcats produce one great soccer player after another, but few compare to Reynolds. The senior goal-scorer finished her career with a 41-point season (24 goals, 17 assists). The Rhode Island bound Reynolds also earned All-American honors this year.

The Inside the 6 – Soccer Power Rankings are decided based on a number of criteria: record, strength of schedule, performance against teams in and out of their divisions, goals scored, and goals conceded. The public schools in our coverage area include: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, and Weymouth.

Cohasset keeper Evan Canney blocks a shot by Nantucket's keeper Christian Calderon. Cohasset lost to Nantucket 2-0 in a South Sectional semifinal held at Marshfield High School, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015. The Cohasset boys finished No. 6 in the final Inside the 6 poll. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

Cohasset's Kerry Dunn controls the ball against East Bridgewater. The Cohasset girls finished No. 4 in our final Inside the 6 poll. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

WASSERSUG

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Nick Hall started the season and was having a solid season before he was hurt.

Hall ran for 183 yards on 29 carries in three games.

Norton's offense, along with an outstanding defense, led by Jack Donohue and Alex Norton to name a few, helped the Skippers to an impressive 9-2 record.

Offensively, Ray Tolosko chipped in with 8 catches for 124 yards. four of the catches were touchdowns.

I will not forget Donohue either. Aside from being a defensive monster, he was also an outstanding big-play receiver, notching a team-leading 22 catches for 316 yards and 8 touchdowns.

Outstanding!

This was a lot of fun in the fall. I think I was able to get to more games this season than I have in a very long time, and enjoyed it a lot. Football was especially fun, as I was out pretty much every Friday night, sometimes bouncing from game-to-game between the three towns I cover, depending on the outlook at the half.

Loved the Thanksgiving Day game at Hull. The wind and field always make it a fun time, and I love the view too.

I am glad that Skipper fans and coaches appreciate what a special thing they have going here.

I know the football team was disappointed at not getting back to the Super Bowl, but I could easily look around a ton of towns where if you said 'hey, 9-2 and a trip to State Semifinal' and they would be more than thrilled.

Trust me on this. Same thing goes for boys and girls soccer and field hockey.

These teams were just ridiculous (in the good way) being as good as they were.

Thanks to all the coaches, parents and players, and a big shout to @cohassetsports on Twitter and A.D. Ron Ford for making it a great season.

I am also glad to see former players coming back to cheer on their teams and call out for a photo.

I am guessing we will see quite a bit of success in the winter.

I am glad that Skipper fans and coaches appreciate what a special thing they have going here.

It always seems to go well.

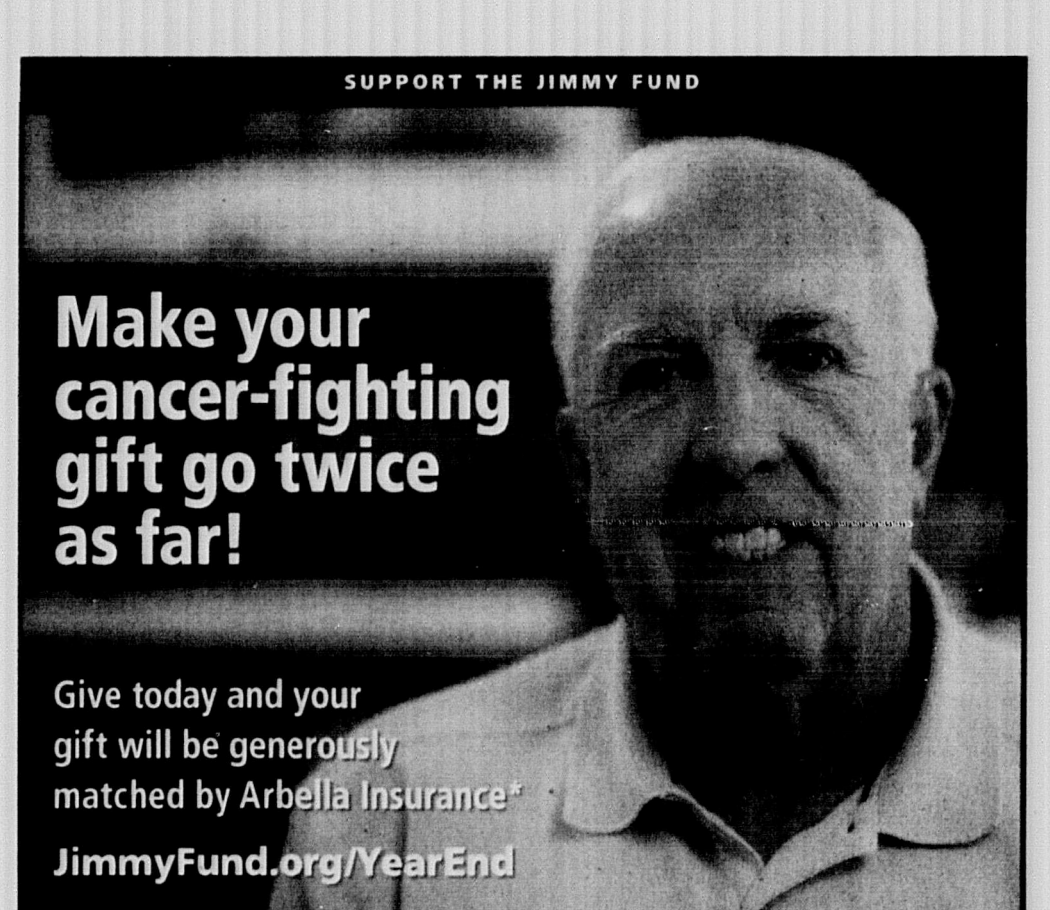
As always, if you have story ideas, photos or want to give your favorite team, whether it is youth, high school at any level, former stars doing well at colleges or in the pros, please contact me at wwassersug@wickedlocal.com or @scifisportsguy on Twitter.

With so many sports to keep an eye on, I can always use that note from a parent, player and of course coaches, with the latest scores or some stats, youth roundups.

If possible, please get any information to me by noon Wednesdays at the very latest.

I know there are Wednesday games, and when possible, I'll get those results in.

Enjoy the season. It's going to be a fun one.



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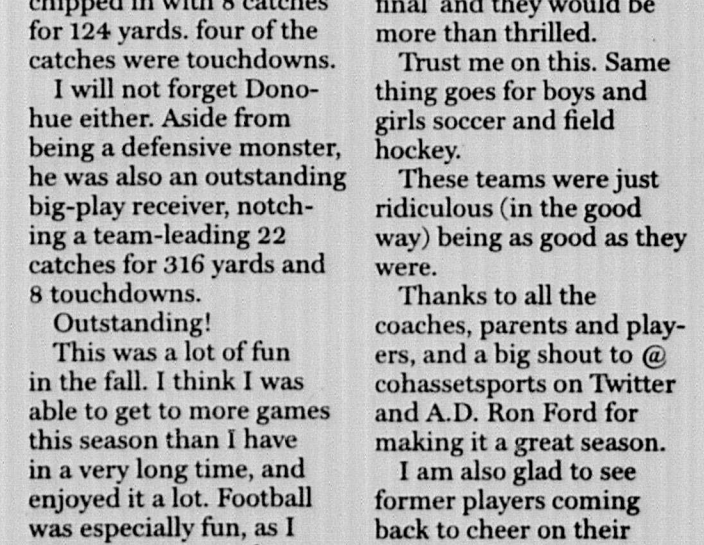

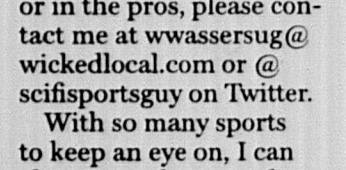

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Road race draws a crowd

Thank you to all who participated in the Cohasset Thanks-for-giving 5K Road Race to support the Cohasset Recreation Department and the Clark Chatterton Memorial Fund.

This year's race had 792 registered runners (425 males and 367 females) from infants to 74, an increase of 31 more runners than last year. We had 274 participants 19 and under which made for a fun atmosphere.

Runners came from 15 states including Massachusetts, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Virginia and Vermont. Massachusetts runners came from 31 towns including 477 runners from Cohasset.

Andrew Fontaine from Cohasset and Maria Urso from Hull won their first Cohasset Thanks for Giving Race. Andrew finished first after a strong 3rd place finish in 2014 finishing in 17:37 and awards Andrew with the Clark Chatterton Award for Top Male Finisher. Maria beat two time women's winner Holly Madden by 7 seconds with a 19:11 run and awards her with the James Lagrotteria Award for Top Female Finisher.

We would like to make a special Thank you to our volunteers and staff for taking the time away from their families to help out on Thanksgiving morning - without you this event would not happen:

Judy Collins, Jack DeLorenzo, Chris Cohen, Julien Geyer, Matt Froio, Cate Nelligan, Daniel Piepenbrink, Emily Robbins, Margot Robbins, Cal Robbins, Anna Sandell Smith, Pam Turpel, Kate Daley, Lauren Dhooge, Ginni and John Froio, Kim Mulcahy, Elizabeth Deveney Frazier, Doug Ellinger, Lauren Scott, Vinny Fountaine, Chris Senior, Cohasset Police and Fire Departments, Cohasset DPW, Special Thanks to our High School Volunteers, Chris Norton, JP Adams, Sean Mavilia, Jack Osten. Linda Fechter and the Rotary Club for donating items for the race.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thanks-for-giving 5K it was a huge success and continues to grow every year. We welcome any pictures you may have taken the day of the race. If you would like to submit any photos, please do so to recreation@cohassetma.org.

Thanks and enjoy the Holiday Season.

--Ted Carroll and Jenna McCarthy of the Recreation Department and Ron Ford and Deb Beal with the Clark Chatterton Memorial Committee.

Congratulations to the winners in each age group.

MEN OVERALL WINNERS
- 1 (17:37) Andrew Fontaine, Cohasset
- 2 (18:08) Sean Kelley, Norwell
- 3 (18:38) Doug Hase, Hingham

WOMEN OVERALL WINNERS
- 1 (19:11) Maria Urso, Hull
- 2 (19:18) Holly Madden, Cohasset
- 3 (19:30) Madeline Moore, Scituate

MEN AGE GROUP 60-98
- 1 (21:42) Robert Simms, Cohasset
- 2 (25:01) Rick Shea, Cohasset
- 3 (25:46) Rolf Gjesteby, Cohasset

MEN AGE GROUP 50-59
- 1 (20:35) Scott Newkirk, North Scituate
- 2 (21:02) Gabriel Gomez, Cohasset
- 3 (21:12) Mike Kearney, Cohasset

MEN AGE GROUP 40-49
- 1 (19:57) Craig Coffey, Cohasset
- 2 (21:06) Jim Mitterando, Cohasset
- 3 (21:51) Michael Rosen, Cohasset

MEN AGE GROUP 30-39
- 1 (19:22) Tom DeGraan, Cohasset
- 2 (19:43) Benjamin Ketchum, Waltham
- 3 (20:27) Christopher Zani, Cohasset

MEN AGE GROUP 20-29
- 1 (20:21) Clarke Indek, Cohasset
- 2 (21:14) Chris Lund, Cohasset
- 3 (21:45) Sean Smyth, Hull

MEN AGE GROUP 13-19
- 1 (18:42) Nick Menice, Monmouth
- 2 (19:00) Ian Turpel, Cohasset
- 3 (19:48) Michael O'Brien, North Kingstown, R.I.

MEN AGE GROUP 01-12
- 1 (20:48) Whit Swartwood, Cohasset
- 2 (21:26) Max Gomez, Cohasset
- 3 (21:32) Alex Norgeot, Cohasset

WOMEN AGE GROUP 60-98
- 1 (30:08) Brenda Regan, Cohasset
- 2 (31:16) Jane Henderson, Cohasset
- 3 (32:01) Gitte Shea, Cohasset

WOMEN AGE GROUP 50-59
- 1 (23:50) Linda Simms, Cohasset
- 2 (26:11) Bronwyn L. Nelson, Cohasset
- 3 (27:47) Elizabeth E. O'Day, Cohasset

WOMEN AGE GROUP 40-49
- 1 (21:19) Jennifer Palmer, Scituate
- 2 (21:49) Jill Leahy, Hingham
- 3 (22:50) Katie Cutler, Scituate

WOMEN AGE GROUP 30-39
- 1 (23:54) Erin Blind, Scituate
- 2 (24:26) Katherine Lubitz, Cohasset
- 3 (24:57) Deirdre Riley, Cohasset

WOMEN AGE GROUP 20-29
- 1 (20:54) Emilie Munson, Cohasset
- 2 (22:17) Paige Desisto, Cohasset
- 3 (22:55) Vanessa Plante, Cohasset

WOMEN AGE GROUP 13-19
- 1 (20:10) Elizabeth Wells, Cohasset
- 2 (20:41) Madison Ahearn, Cohasset
- 3 (21:09) Emma Caset, Scituate

WOMEN AGE GROUP 01-12
- 1 (22:57) Leesil Gilbert, Cohasset
- 2 (24:30) Emma Carroll, Cohasset
- 3 (24:36) Lindsey Bennett ,Cohasset

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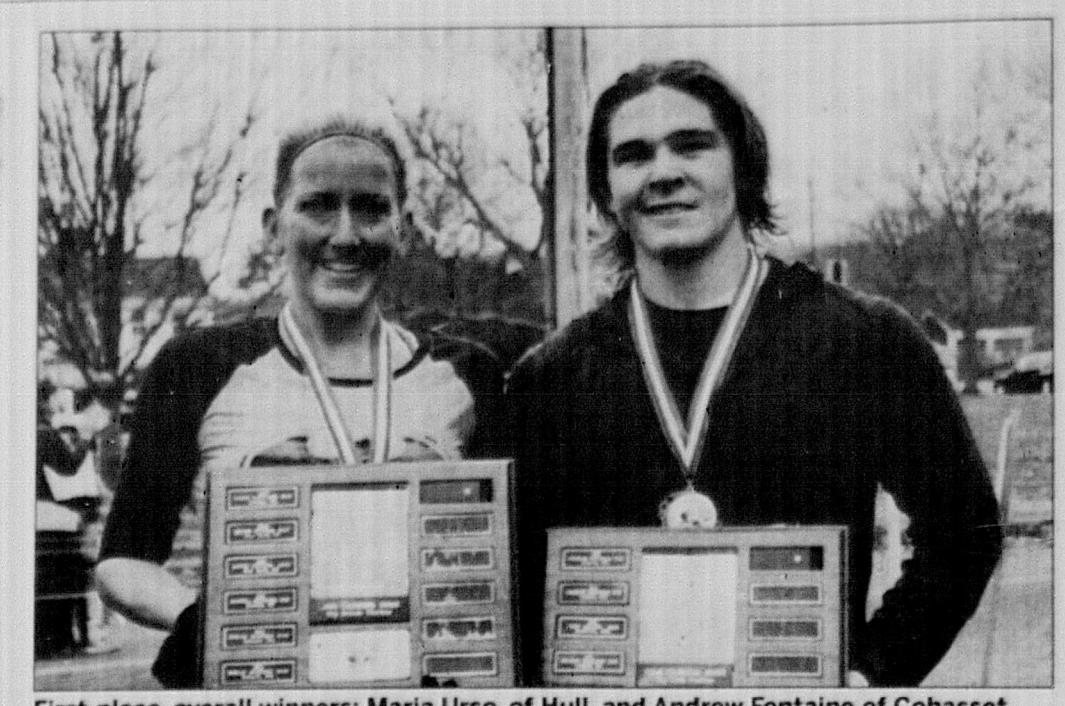

First-place, overall winners: Maria Urso, of Hull, and Andrew Fontaine of Cohasset.

Overall male winners: Doug Hase, Hingham; Andrew Fontaine, Cohasset; and Sean Kelley, Norwell.

Overall female winners: Holly Madden, Cohasset; Maria Urso, Hull; and Madeline Moore, Scituate.

Jeff Craig AKA the "Turkey" and his friends.

The Thanksgiving Day race once again drew hundreds of runners.

Zachary Smith on left, Ian Linhart in middle, and Tyler Henry on right.

They're off at the start of the Thanks for Giving road race.

COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset police log. The log is public record and available for review. All persons are presumed innocent unless found guilty in a court of law.

Monday, Nov. 23

9:53 a.m.: A search warrant was issued on South Main Street. An arrest was made and one male is currently in custody.
3:31 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Pond Street. There was no smoke or fire but airbags did deploy.
5:17 p.m.: A caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked in her driveway on Spindrift Lane. The vehicle was gone upon the officer's arrival.
7:52 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident was reported on King Street. Caller reported pain in knee and back. Services were rendered.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

1:08 a.m.: A caller reported a noise complaint on Beechwood Street by the reservoir. No other description was given. Services were rendered.
1:21 a.m.: A caller reported a group of youths gathered in front of her home and then ran into the woods. Services were rendered. Officers report that the high school seniors and juniors had a Powder Puff Game the next day so they might be out and about.
6:23 a.m.: A caller reported her vehicle and residence on Fairoaks Lane were vandalized overnight. Services were rendered.
8:30 a.m.: A caller reported a motor vehicle injury on Rustic Drive. Vehicles were towed.
12:01 p.m.: Fraud was reported on Hull Street. Officers investigated the incident.
12:25 p.m.: A caller reported a suspicious vehicle in his driveway on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reported back that it was workers cleaning the gutters.
2:33 p.m.: Larceny was reported on Diab Lane. Officers are investigating the incident.
4:28 p.m.: A caller reported teenage boys at the fire gate of the Wompatuck State Park on Doane Street. Reports that the boys were smoking marijuana were also made. Services were rendered.
6:23 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident was reported on Pleasant and Water streets. Services were rendered.
9:38 p.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. No smoke or fire was reported. Services were rendered.
10:41 p.m.: A gas odor was reported inside Cohasset Police Headquarters. The building was checked and cleared.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

8:48 a.m.: A suspicious person was reported on Howard Gleason Road. A male around age 19 to 20 was seen walking around the area, wearing a black coat and hoodie. Party says he was on a treasure hunt. Party checked out.
3:07 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident with injuries was reported on Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway.

Thursday, Nov. 26

1:32 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on at Cohasset Sailing Club on Lighthouse Lane. Caller reported a fire going in the fireplace at the location and that nobody is around. The fireplace was shut off.
12:13 p.m.: Police responded to an animal call on North Main Street. Caller reports a pitbull off leash in town common area.
2:35 p.m.: A disturbance was reported at Beechwood Cemetery on Beechwood Street. Caller reports kids screaming in the area. The cemetery was cleared.

Friday, Nov. 27

8 a.m.: A suspicious item was reported on Pleasant Lane. Caller reports finding a baggie with a white substance in her driveway. Officer retrieved substance and will dispose of properly.
8:53 a.m.: A traffic hazard was reported on Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reports construction material in roadway. State DPW was notified.
11:36 a.m.: A suspicious person was reported at Olympus Grille on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reports a male was peering over partition in the bathroom. The caller asked the male to excuse him and he stuck around for a while. The male was white with dark hair and wearing a maroon sweatshirt. Police were unable to locate the perpetrator.
12:42 p.m.: Police responded to an animal call on Beechwood Street. Caller reports a black shepherd loose in the area. Police could not locate the dog.
1:33 p.m.: Suspicious activity was reported at Frank Williams Landscaping on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller reports a truck parked outside of the location, with a male loading items onto the vehicle. Owner reports it's a customer picking up supplies.
5:20 p.m.: A disturbance was reported at Scituate Tennis and Racquet Club on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Caller in the parking lot reports hearing two gunshots. Officer reports that there is skeet shooting going on at the gun club.

Saturday, Nov. 28

9:11 a.m.: Vandalism was reported on King Street. Caller reports having three plastic green men signs, and two are missing, one is knocked down. Caller spoke to an officer and requests extra patrols.
10:36 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported at Cohasset Junior and Senior High on Pond Street. Caller reports unattended, running vehicle. Party has been located and checks out.

Sunday, Nov. 29

11:45 a.m.: Larceny was reported on King Street. Caller reports a stolen plastic slow down man. Caller reported the same incident previously.
3:32 p.m.: A youth complaint was reported on Jerusalem Road. Caller reports kids walking on Jerusalem toward Black Rock Beach. Male was wearing no shoes, khaki pants and blue hoodie. Party was unable to be located upon officer arrival.

Traffic Safety Tip of the Week

Don't sit too closely to the air bag. It's important for drivers to sit correctly in cars with an air bag. Drivers should always wear the shoulder and lap belt securely, move the seat back as far as practical and recline it slightly. This will help maintain the ideal distance of at least 10 to 12 inches between the steering wheel air bag and the breastbone. The driver in this crash was seated too close to the steering wheel and was not wearing a seat belt. COURTESY PHOTO

HOLLY HILL FARM

Holly Fair is Saturday

Seventh annual Holly Day Fair

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 5, Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road. The fair will feature local, noted artisans in the heated greenhouse. A festive tradition is the holiday wreath workshop set up at the Tomato Barn. Bring last year's grapevine base, as some families do, or use the supplied base to weave freshly harvested holly, juniper and white pine sprays into wreaths about 20 inches in diameter. Add colorful sumac seedheads and other naturals, all supplied for a fee of $20 for members and $25 for the general public. Colorful handmade bows are an additional $5. Weather permitting, hop on the tractor for a hayride. For information: 781-383-6565; hollyhillfarm.org.

Last day for Holly Hill Farm Stand

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5. The farm grows and sells fresh, organically grown produce, including butternut and acorn winter squash, root vegetables, Swiss chard, kale, arugula and other greens, potatoes, fresh and dried, sweetened cranberries and more for the upcoming holiday feasts. Holly Hill Honey is now available as well as 100 percent organic maple syrup from South Face Farm. The farm partners with local organic farms, such as Langwater Farm in North Easton, and stock fresh Middle Eastern hummus and salads from local To Dine For. Other offerings include handmade soaps and beeswax candles from Back to Basics, goat milk soap from West Elm Farm. Back by popular demand, organic red gravy sauce from Valicenti Pasta Farm in New Hampshire. Price on Dean's Beans Organic Coffee beans is $12 per pound regular; $12.75 decaf varieties. Brown Boar Farm will make deliveries of their sustainably raised pork and beef Dec. 12. For info on ordering: Meaghan.swetish@brownboarfarm.com.

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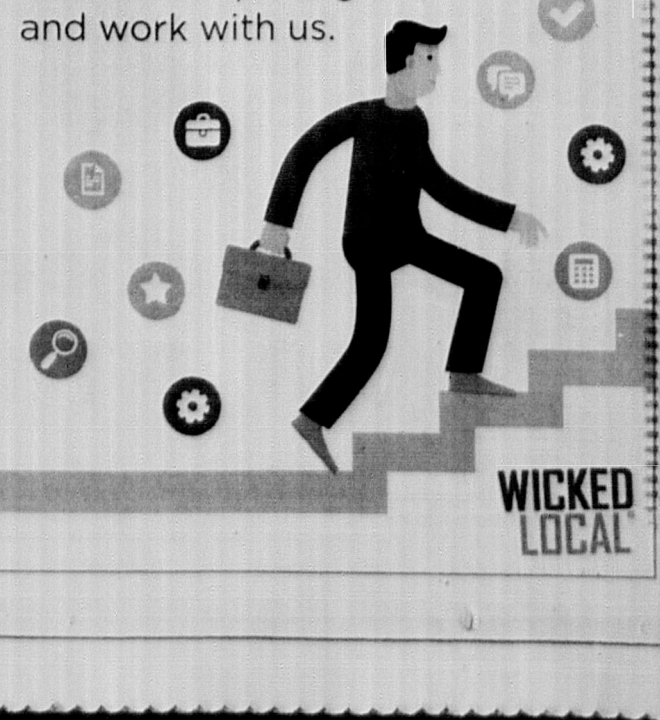

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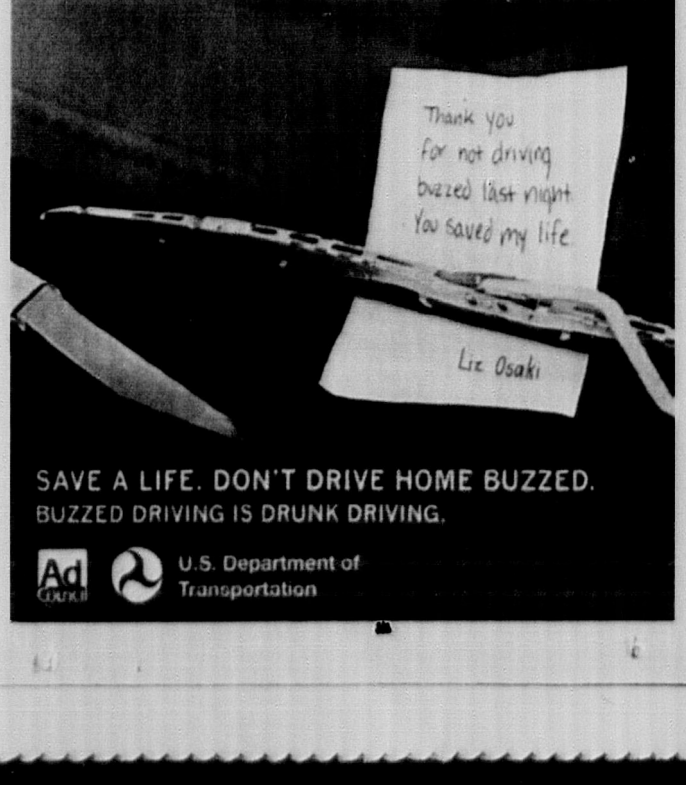

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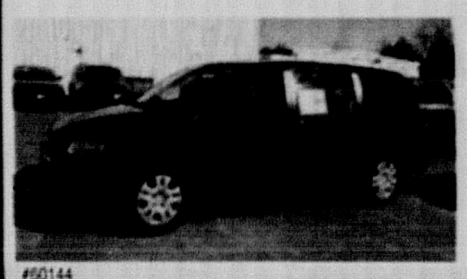

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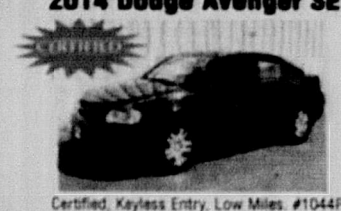

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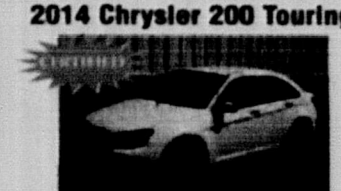

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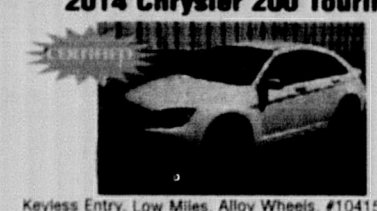

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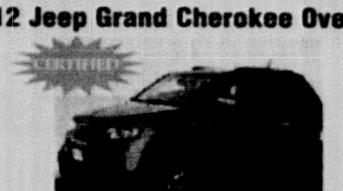

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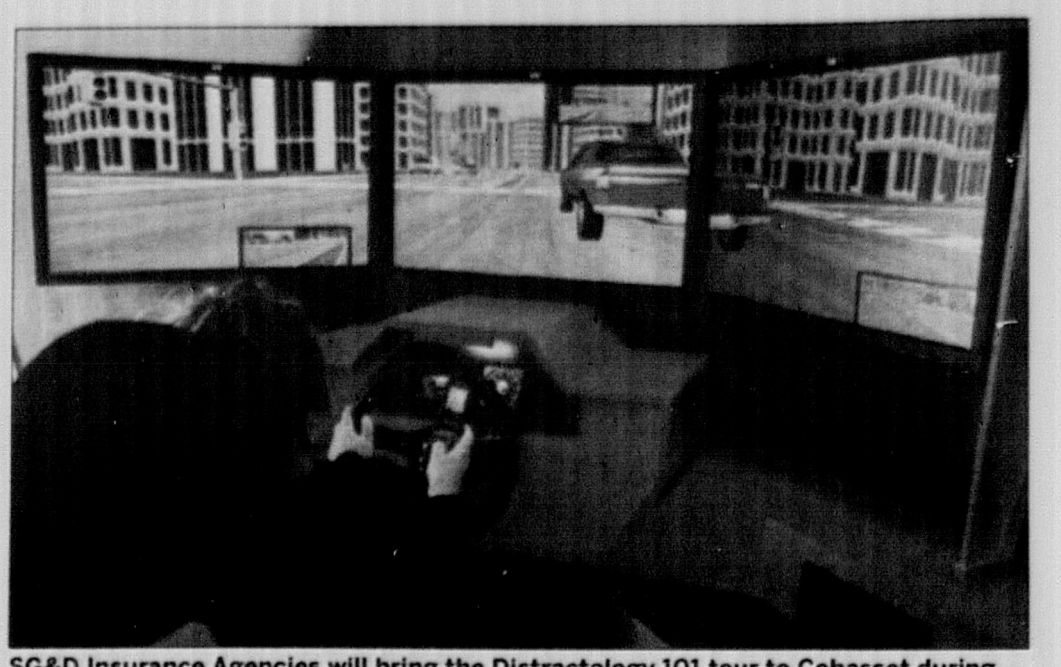

SG&D Insurance Agencies will bring the Distractology 101 tour to Cohasset during the week of Dec. 7-11. COURTESY PHOTO

Dangers of distracted driving program

SG&D Insurance Agencies will bring the Distractology 101 tour to Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St., during the week of Dec. 7-11.

Distractology 101 is an interactive program developed by the Arbella Insurance Foundation to teach new drivers the dangers of distracted driving. The campaign features a 36-foot-long, mobile classroom outfitted with two driving simulators designed to give new drivers the chance to experience the perils of distracted driving, including texting while driving.

According to a 2014 report from the Centers for Disease Control, an estimated nine people die and 1,060 are hurt each day as a result of distracted driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 71 percent of teens and young adults say they have composed and sent text messages while driving, and 78 percent of teens and young adults say they have read a text while driving.

Sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds — the equivalent of driving the length of an entire football field at 55 mph, blind. According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, teens represented the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of a fatal crash and 57 percent of those killed were the teen drivers themselves.

During the driving simulator training teens and other new drivers face a number of scenarios based on real-world examples, educating participants on how to anticipate hidden hazards, react to the road and avoid accidents. Participants also complete the online portion of the curriculum at DistractU.com and make a safe-driving pledge in order to complete the training.

SCHOOL NEWS

Cohasset High first-term honor roll

HIGH HONORS

Ninth grade

Olivia Budington, Hanna Burnett, Jane Cavanaro, Brendan Cooper, Ian Dunkelberger, Aaron Froio, Jenna Herman, Caroline Hess, Michael Hill, Maeve Humphrey, Rebekah Kristal, David Lemoine, Margaret Lucier, Matthew Lucitt, Scott Lucitt, Turner Martell, Samantha Naples, Lucie Novelline, Julia Placek, Rachel Regan, Courtney Shanley, Emma Stephens, Diana Sturdy, Henry Thomas, Nathaniel Thomas, Ann Toomey, Holly Van Etten, Elise Wimberly and Elizabeth Zheng.

10th grade

Grace Alves, Kate Fitzpatrick and Samuel Sullivan.

11th grade

Emma Humphrey, Marina Longo, Emma Morris, Liam O' Connell, Nicole Tolosko and Yvette Wenner.

12th grade

John Paul Adams, Olivia Arnold, Kyle Burke, Samantha Campedelli, Joseph Cavanaro, John Clay, John Coffman, Meghan Considine, Molly Cunning, Julia Curtin, Kerry Dunn, Alba Fernandez, Rebecca Fredey, Adam Game, Grace Gaumer, Katherine Gibbons, Brittany Guempel, Christian Hanke, Morgan Healey, Rachael Karlberg, Shea Kearney, Alexandra Lanier, Matthew Legge, Grace Lucier, Natalie McFetridge, Benjamin Moy, Alexander Norton, Madigan O'Neill, Maya Placek, Emily Rosano, Megan Rosano, Nicholas Rosen, Julia Stanganelli, Nancy Thomas, Daniel Toomey and Sophie Wolfe.

FIRST HONORS

Ninth grade

Jessica Adley, Bradley Albanese, Elizabeth Arnold, Nathaniel Arnold, Lindsey Beiche, Thomas Broderick, Bridget Burke, Lily Burnett, Eoghan Casey, Morgan Cingari, Anna Cunnie , Eleanor Dunn, Caleigh Durkin, Katarina Dutton, Jackson Fitzgerald , Mason Fitzgerald, George Grech, Olivia Hansen, Lane Hixson, Conor Joslin, Joseph Kenealy, Brendan Lewis, Andrew McSheffrey, Thomas Olson, Bridget Osten, Jared Seebeck, Gabriella Sestito, Cole Speer, Dean Spicer, Allison Tolosko, Lydia Vigneau, Sofia Whetstone and Bridget Wixted.

10th grade

Madison Beach, Lily Blackburn, Aidan Chamberlain, Caitlin Conrad, Olivia Coveney, Mary Crumley, Lauren Cunning, Matthew Dickey, Brian Doyle, Daniel Durkin, Michael Fechter, Jay Frederick, Samuel Gainey, Benjamin Healey, Makayla Kerivan, Jake Koncius, Joshua Liberty, Kyle McFetridge, Emily Moy, Sullivan Mulhern, Margaret Norton, Kaitlyn Patterson, Halle Pratt, Katherine Quigley, Cora Quinlan, Deanna Rath, Cameron Ritz, Lucy St. Sauveur, Andrew Sullivan, William Thomas, David Tierney and Harrison Timothy.

11th grade

Liliana Astino, Dulaney Bernstein, Mitchell Buckley, Joseph Campedelli, Ryan Conforti, Connor Curran, David DeYeso, William Dicroce, Henry Dormitzer, Brigid Driscoll, James Farren, Ellen Jackisch, Eva Kearns, Christopher Kierce, Madeline Littlejohn, Sophie Matthews, Erin McElhinney, Aidan McHugh, Michael McKelvey, Kathleen McKeon, Kristi McNary, Maxwell Nakashima, Kara Nelson, Dagny Nies, Robert Oliver, Danielle Picot, Maggie Queenan, Margot Robbins, Madison Sheldon, Andrew Skolnick, Patrick Slater, Abigail Thomas, Amanda Vitello and Jennifer Wolfe.

12th grade

Jake Bennett, William Broderick, John Donohue, Megan Dooley, Robert Driscoll, Jackson Dutton, Maxwell Fitzgerald, Tracy Fogarty, William Gildea, Corey Golden, Levente Haber, Nicholas Hall, Micaela Herth, Julie Klier, Liam McHugh, Lauren McManus, Brenden Morrissey, Conor Naughton, Kyle O'Brien, Callahan O'Neill, Dylan Piasecki, Julia Richardson, Margaret Seebeck, Ryan Spicer, Cole Sullivan, Bennett Tierney, Caroline VanEtten and Maria Waters.

SECOND HONORS

Ninth grade

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10th grade

Owen Bleicken, Chase Bomeisler, David Burke, Thomas Carrabes, Hailey Chenette, Maximilian Davis, Zoe Doherty, Katarina Douglas-Blake, Kyle Ferreira, Noah Froio, Liam Geyer, Grant Guempel, Patrick Hagearty, Elle Hansen, Samuel Lelio, Jack Mahoney, Katherine McCarthy, Sean McElhinney, Victor Najjar, Michael Nolan, William Osten, Nickolas Slamp, Lena Welch and Scott Whelan.

11th grade

Michael Cohen, John Cunningham, John Curran, Thomas Durkin, William Hoffman, Seth Hunnewell, Michael Iantosca, Mathias Loft, William Lucier, Charlotte Marcelli, Alexandra Martini, Megan McElgunn, Caroline O'Brien , Alexander Schubert, Elizabeth Suzedell, Jack Tolman and Tayja Wright.

12th grade

Samuel Arnold, Daniel Axelson, Henry Butenschoen, Evan Canney, Brian Counihan, Morgan Fechter, Jacob Gainey, Madison Hindley, Maris Kaplan, Lorne Kaufman-Greco, Richard Kinscherf, Alexandra Leahy, Mary Lengyel, Christopher Norton, John Osten, Madison Pratt, Andrew Rosano, Alexander Shanley, Nakilah Skeens, Raymond Tolosko and Mysia Trojnor-Barron.

GIMME SHELTER

Hannah is a headstrong beauty

By Tammy Hatch

Torties are known for their unique beauty and short temperament, and Hannah is no exception. COURTESY PHOTO

Meet Hannah, a small statured 3-year-old tortie who possesses all of the classic markings of a tortoiseshell cat, including a split nose mark dividing her black on one side/orange on the other side face and beautifully blended black, dark brown, orange and white fur coat.

Hannah and her housemate, Robin (also at our shelter), were put outdoors and left to fend for themselves after their elderly owner was hospitalized and there was no one to care for them. Neighbors fed them, but with the days growing shorter and nights longer and colder, they knew this was no life for these not too street savvy gals.

Hannah is soft but also tough and from the moment you meet her makes her presence and need for attention known. She is very quick to engage you and will rub against your leg and crawl into your lap all the while nudging your hand for more head rubs.

Torties are known for their unique beauty and short temperament, and Hannah is no exception. She easily shifts from enjoying a tender moment to letting you know she's had enough attention and wants you to respect her space. There are no "fifty shades of gray" with Hannah. She makes it very clear what she wants, when and how she wants it and when she's ready for something else. This beautiful and headstrong little lady will make a wonderful addition to a home where she is loved and appreciated for who she is. Won't you come in and meet Miss Hannah?

You can learn more about Hannah and the other cats and kittens we have available for adoption by visiting us online at www.hsar.org or by visiting us at our new location, 487 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Open hours are Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m. If these times are not convenient for you, special appointments can be made by calling our adoption coordinator, Judy, 781 534-4902.

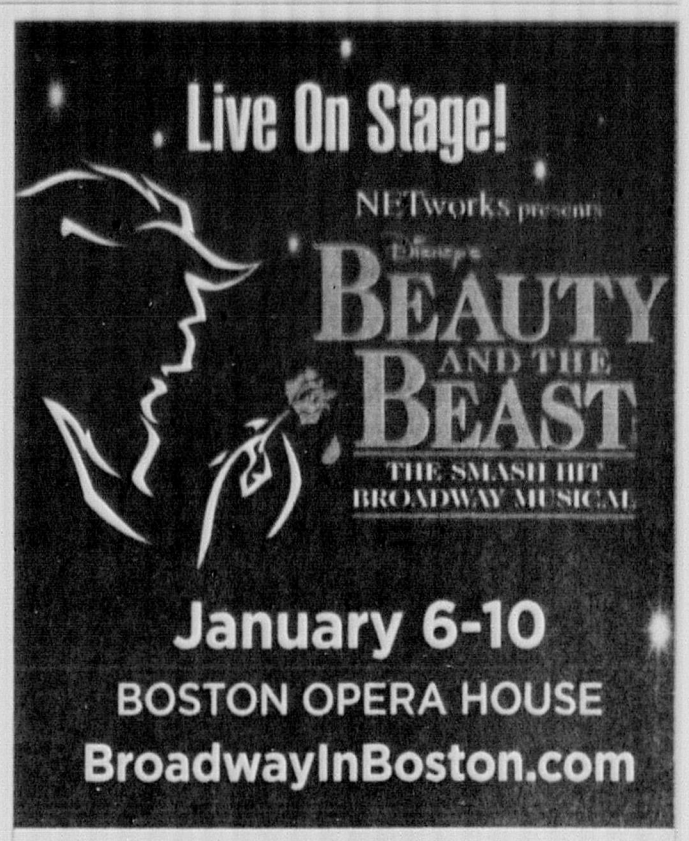
Calendars

The 2016 Kittendale calendars are here! We are very excited to feature American pop singer/dancer Lance Bass, New England Revolution major league soccer player Charlie Davies and South Carolina Stingray hockey player Colin Mulvey. Check these guys out! Kittendales can be purchased on-line at www.hsar.org and are also available for purchase at Toast Restaurant in Hull and at the shelter. The cost is $20. All of the money raised from calendar sales is used to rescue, care for and place homeless cats in forever homes.

Dr. 'Eddie'

HSAR would like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to Dr. Eddie Baker of Crazy Paws Animal Hospital in Cohasset who takes time out of his very busy schedule to visit our shelter weekly and provide necessary medical care to our resident cats. Thank you Dr. "Eddie."

Tammy Hatch is a Volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.



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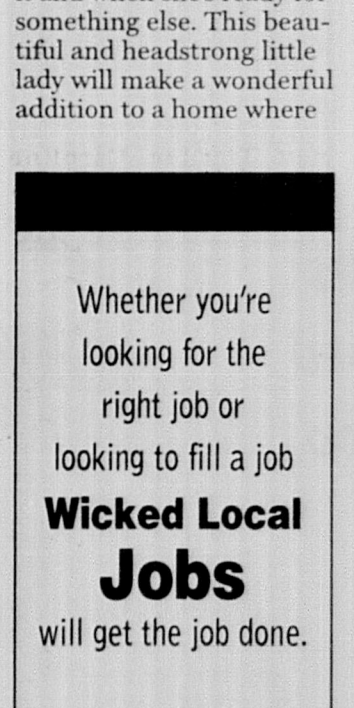

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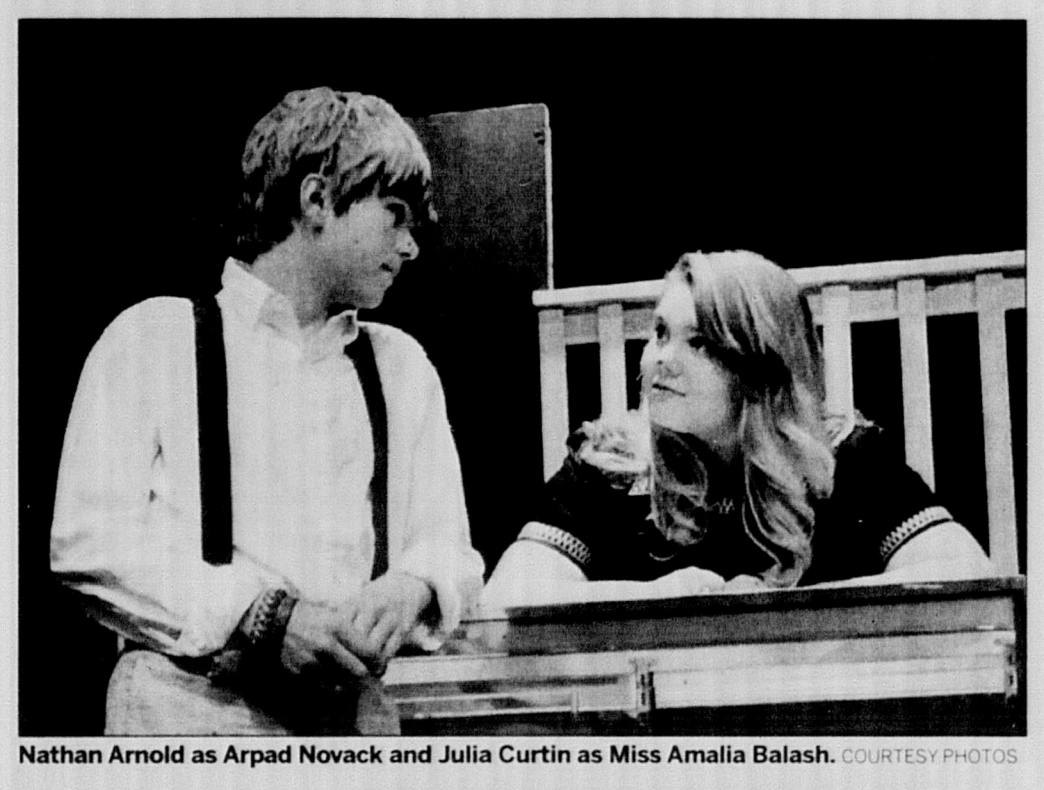
ON STAGE

Cast members Julia Curtin, Meghan Considine, Dan Toomey, Ben Healy, Evan Canney, Nathan Arnold and Maggie Seebeck.

CHS presents romantic 'dramedy'

By Erin Ryan
Special to the Mariner

Cohasset High School presents "Parfumerie" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 in the auditorium.



Nathan Arnold as Arpad Novack and Julia Curtin as Miss Amalia Balash. COURTESY PHOTOS

"Parfumerie" is a classic romantic dramedy that has something for everyone. Set in late 1930s Budapest, Hungary, our characters strive to hold onto their jobs (and their sanities) as Christmas nears and tensions run high.

Miklós Hammerschmidt, played by Dan Toomey, is owner and manager of a quaint perfume shop on Vaci Street. He employs six clerks — despite the depressed economic conditions — including his right-hand man and senior clerk, Mr. George Horvath played by Evan Canney, George's nemesis; Miss Amalia Balash played by Julia Curtin; Mrs. Sipos played by Meghan Considine; and the delivery boy, Arpad Novack played by Nathan Arnold.

This play was originally written by Miklós László and produced as Illatszertar in 1937, and soon spread to countries such as Poland, Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Portugal, Brazil, Argentina, and Israel. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer made three motion picture versions of the play including "The Shop Around the Corner" in 1940, "In the Good Old Summertime" in 1949, and "You've Got Mail" in 1998. Although László's Illatszertar was never produced in the U.S.A., a relative named Florence László translated the play into English before E.P. Dowdall adapted it and released it through Playscripts, Inc. as our show, Parfumerie.

Author Miklós László's themes and characters present a variety of challenges, but the Cohasset High School cast has met and exceeded my expectations as director time and time again. I have never been more proud. High school drama programming can be daunting especially for a new teacher in her first year. Needless to say, I didn't know what to expect when I signed on as the new CMHS high school drama coach in August.

Now, I mean it when I say I am truly honored to work with the cast and crew of "Parfumerie." Never have I worked with a more enthusiastic, dedicated, and talented group. I am continuously inspired and motivated by the tireless work of each student involved and I look forward to showcasing their excellence on Dec. 3rd and 4th at 7 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $5 for adults.

Erin Ryan is drama coach and play director.

PARFUMERIE CAST

Mr. Miklos Hammerschmidt: **Dan Toomey**
Mr. George Horvath: **Evan Canney**
Sipos: **Meghan Considine**
Mr. Steven Kadar: **Jared Seebeck**
Miss. Amalia Balash: **Julia Curtin**
Miss. Ilona Ritter: **Caitlin Conrad**
Miss. Elizabeth Molnar: **Maggie Seebeck**
Arpad Novack: **Nathan Arnold**
Fritz: **Ben Healey**
Policewoman: **Mia MacGregor**
Detective: **Jack Cunningham**
A Young Woman: **Caroline Hess**
An Old Woman: **Maddie Pratt**
Customers: **Sofia Whetstone, Emma Stephens, Annie Toomey**

Jack Cunningham plays the Detective.

Meghan Considine plays the role of Sipos.

ON STAGE

The International Ballet Academy of Norwell invites the community to a presentation of "The Nutcracker," Tchaikovsky's holiday suite. Showtimes include 6 p.m. Dec. 5 and 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St. Party girls, led by "Clara." COURTESY PHOTO

Cohasset dancers shine in 'The Nutcracker'

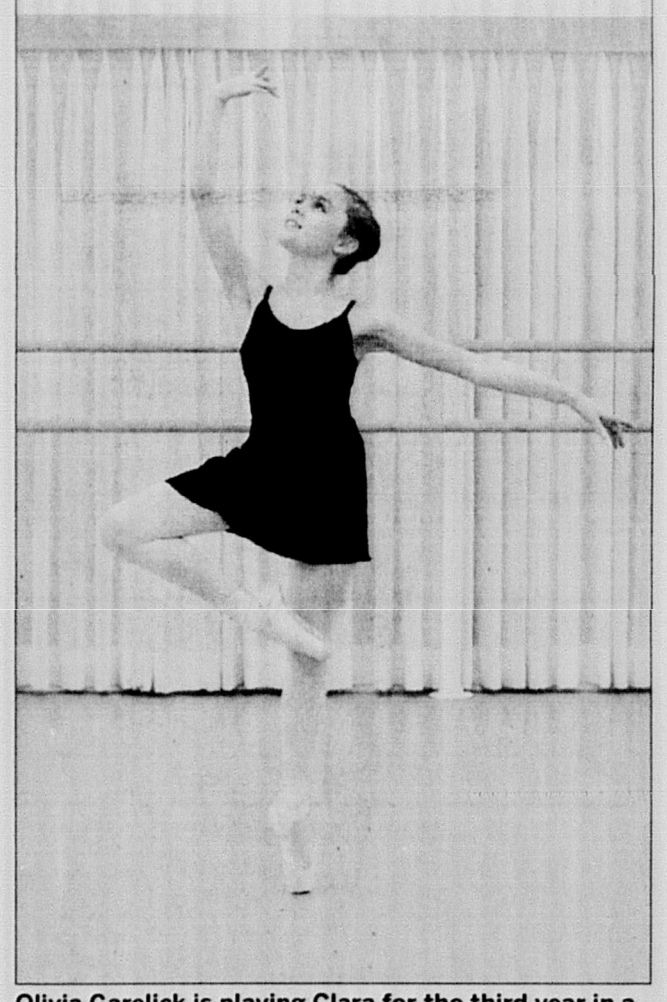
Capturing the essence of a child's wonder and imagination in beautiful music and dance, The Nutcracker has been enjoyed by audiences for more than a century, inspiring and connecting generations of families. Now the spirit it brings to the holiday season is available in your own back yard.

The International Ballet Academy of Norwell invites the community to a presentation of "The Nutcracker," Tchaikovsky's holiday suite.

The presentation features local students of the Academy performing with professional and freelance dancers heralding from all around the greater Boston area, bringing the beauty of this magical ballet closer to you, so that it may be part of your family's tradition.

Performances are at the Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., Hingham on Saturday, Dec. 5th at 6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6th at 2 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are available in advance by visiting ibanorwell.org, or at the door on the day of the show if available.

Catch the spirit of the season while supporting local artists, this December at the International Ballet Academy of Norwell presentation of the Nutcracker!



Olivia Garelick is playing Clara for the third year in a row. COURTESY PHOTO

From left: Olivia Garelick and Natalie Heffner of Cohasset. COURTESY PHOTO

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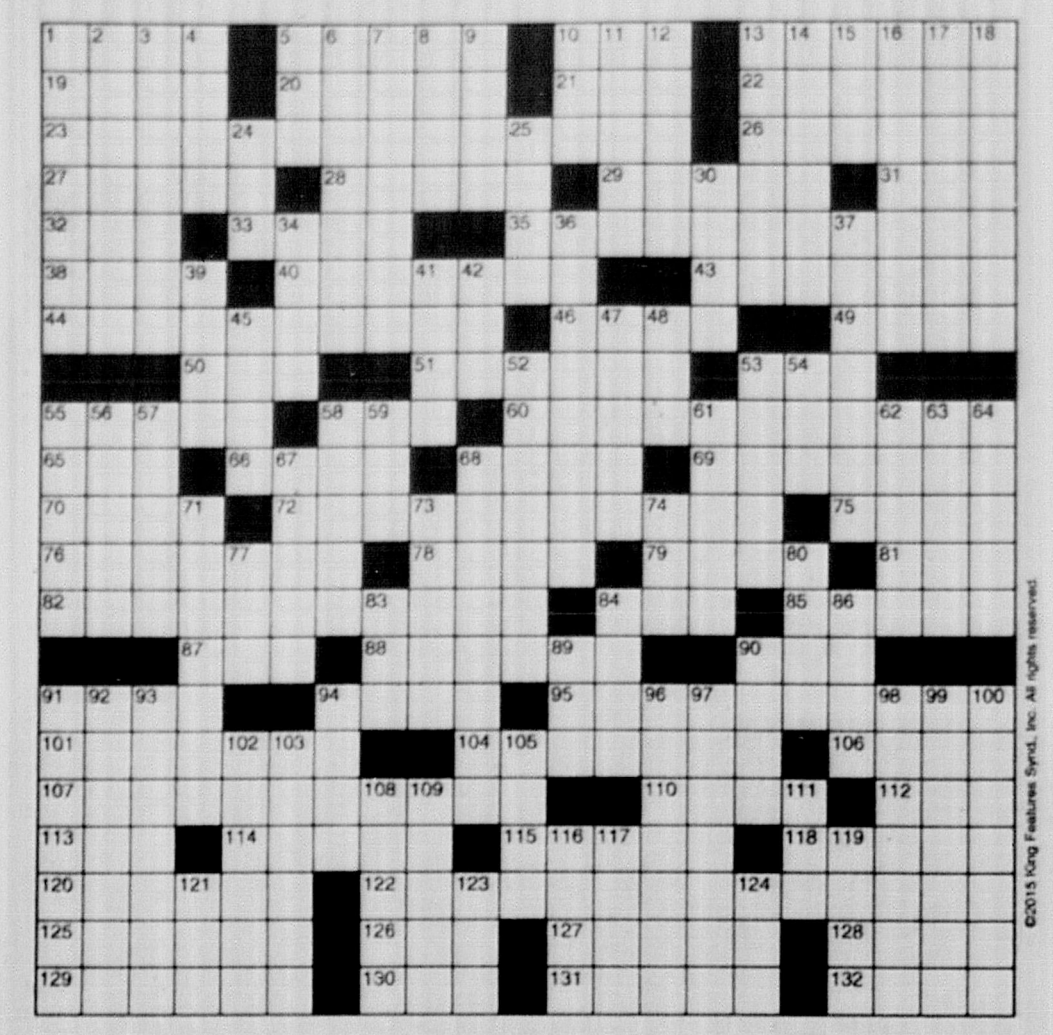

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ACROSS
1 Start for legal or chute
5 Dame Nellie of opera
10 Dems' rival political gp.
13 B flat's equivalent
19 Portent
20 Diarist Nin
21 "No —, ands or buts!"
22 Person ogling
23 Escorted one's rival?
26 Lemon-lime soft drink
27 Wipe the slate clean
28 Stand in an art studio
29 Saint — (Caribbean island)
31 Ending for dull or drunk
32 Border
33 Dress in Goa
35 Weekend time spent with pals?
38 Luau strings, for short
40 Large, red apple variety
43 "Be quiet!"
44 Actors in a film featuring church ministers?
46 Position
49 Ticked (off)
50 "— takers?"
51 Nasal partition
53 Moray, say
55 One-named flamenco entertainer
58 Rowdydow
60 Cry to comic Sales when he's losing his grip?
65 With 66-Across, drudge's routine
66 See 65-Across
68 Army post
69 More audacious
70 "— ask is that ..."
72 Laryngitic pigeon's comment?
75 Positive
76 Sir Walter Scott novel
78 Muhammad and Laila of the ring
79 — cava
81 Soldier of Seoul
82 Situation when a fuel gauge is at 50%?
84 Balking beast
85 "Oro y —" (motto of Montana)
87 Prefix with cyclist
88 Got old due to excess
90 "— always say ..."
91 Address for a lady
94 1976-81 sketch show
95 Watch over a 787?
101 As a group
104 One making an attempt
106 Tech caller
107 Walk with no lights on?
110 Tax doc. whizzes
112 Plains tribe
113 Mouthwash bottle abbr.
114 Did autumn yard work
115 Peter & Gordon's "— Pieces"
118 Loft
120 Species-crossing
122 Things that a drum-playing lush has?
125 Like sweethearts
126 Stooge name
127 Like many shiny floors
128 Impressionist
129 Seesaw
130 Quit delaying
131 Veil wearer
132 Contradict

DOWN
1 Turn on, as a PC
2 Unfinished Kafka novel
3 Dubs differently
4 Picnic pests
5 — tai
6 — -coated tablet
7 Tourist town on Maui
8 Small pieces
9 Tennis great Arthur
10 JPEG alternative
11 Long past
12 False: Prefix
13 Town in central Italy
14 Capital of Minnesota
15 Laugh sound
16 Daughter of King Minos
17 Outline again
18 Chemically colored in advance
24 Actor Studi
25 Exile isle
30 Sadlike body growth
34 Out of whack
36 Parvenus
37 Bottom-line red ink
39 With 57-Down, map book for an astronomer
41 Old filling station name
42 Beatified Fr. woman
45 — about (roughly)
47 — del Este, Uruguay
48 Texter's "Holy cow!"
52 In a fake way
53 2001 bankruptcy company
54 Juan's "that"
55 Jenny —
56 Turkish confection
57 See 39-Down
58 Emeril Lagasse's "There's — in My Soup!"
59 Narc hirer
61 Clarinets' kin
62 "Star Trek" lieutenant
63 Politico Ross
64 California city on I-5
67 Garlic mayo
68 Toppled
71 Barbaric
73 Bank safe
74 Rite Aid rival
77 — Solo
80 Lhasa —
83 TV watchdog
84 1998 Sarah McLachlan song
86 Stead
89 911 gp.
90 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)
91 Blockbuster
92 Pain reliever
93 Genial
94 Try to find
96 Big Apple cab words
97 Testified under oath, old-style
98 Uranium 235, for one
99 Web habitué
100 Food store
102 Try hard
103 Parasol, e.g.
105 Short parody
108 Skin: Prefix
109 — committee
111 Religious day of rest: Abbr.
116 41st U.S. pres.
117 Actor Epps
119 Frog cousin
121 Go to seed
123 To this point
124 34th U.S. pres.

Sudoku

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Level: Moderate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Buzz	Drizzle	Grizzly	Nuzzle
Buzzer	Fizz	Guzzle	Pizza
Dazzle	Fuzz	Muzzle	Puzzle
Dizzy	Gizzard	Nozzle	

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HOROSCOPE

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel that you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep that Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships — family, friends, colleagues — that might have been overlooked in recent years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to his or her moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of adventure that inspires others to follow your lead.

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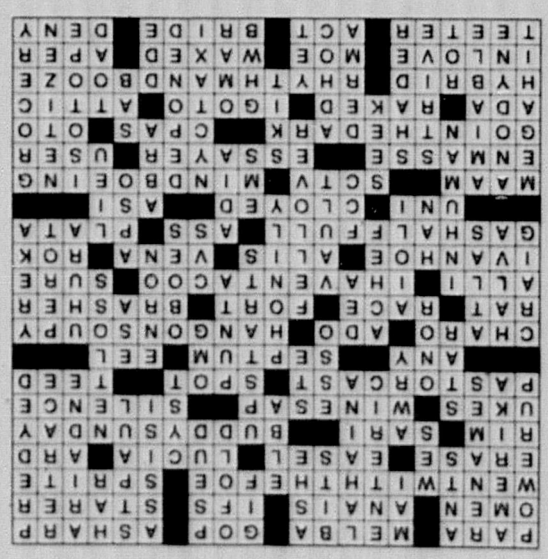

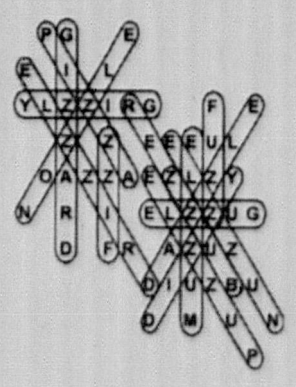

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CALENDAR

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The Bay Colony Shakespeare Company presents Neil McGarry's one-man performance of 'A Christmas Carol'

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Dec. 17-20 (Thursday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 5 p.m.) Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Several locations. Dec. 4, at Second Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 685 Main St., Hingham. Dec. 5, at Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St, Braintree. Dec. 17-20 at Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Dec. 23 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Canal St., Marshfield.
INFO: Tickets: $20 adults/$15 students; appropriate for ages 5+ can be purchased at the door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 866-811-4111. Discounts for groups of 10+ as well as for veterans, serving members of the armed forces/emergency services and those working in education by calling 917-670-1184. www.baycolonyshakespeare.org.

Atlantic Symphony Orchestra presents 'Joyful Noise! Holiday Portraits' with violinist Ethan Wood

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.
WHERE: Thayer Academy's Center for the Arts, 745 Washington St., Braintree.
INFO: Besides the usual favorites, including Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and a carol sing-along, the program will include Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances N1, Massenet's Méditation, Mascagni's Intermezzo and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite (v. 1919). Tickets may be purchased by visiting www.atlanticsymphony.org, or by calling 781.331.3600. Adults $45/seniors $40/under 20 $20.

South Shore Folk Music Club presents the Delta Generators

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Beal House, 222 Main St., Kingston.
INFO: The Delta Generators are known for a soulful passion and raw intensity in their live shows. Vocalist Craig Rawding, guitarist Charlie O'Neal, Rick O'Neal (bass) and Jeff Armstrong (drums) are always looking to expand their well-honed musical palette; they touch on blues, soul, funk, rock'n'roll and even country! Tickets are $20 per member, $22 per non-member. Advance tickets are available from http://brownpapertickets.com/event/1301909. See www.ssfmc.org for more information.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

Blood Drive from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Phoenix Masonic Lodge, 133 Broadway St., Hanover. To donate download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

Snowflake Festival, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Church Hill United Methodist Church Fellowship Center, 11 Church St., Norwell.

The Annual Christmas Fair, of the First Congregational Church of Marshfield, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Parish Hall at 1981 Ocean St., Marshfield. Lunch between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Seaside Christmas Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. Children can meet Santa Claus between 12 and 1:30 p.m. A New England lunch will be available.

Seventh annual Holly Day Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. 781-383-6565, www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Snowflake Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate.

Seventh annual Holiday Craft Fair, sponsored by The Woodward School for Girls, 1102 Hancock St., Quincy, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Café. Admission $2.

Country Christmas Fair at Dalby Farm, 59 Grove St., Scituate from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Merrie Market, Old Ship Church's annual holiday fair, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at church's Parish House, 107 Main St., Hingham. Also serving breakfast and lunch items.

Santa visits Pond Meadow Park, 470 Liberty St., Braintree, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wreaths will be available for purchase. Hayrides from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weather permitting. Bring your own camera, take a hayride, purchase a wreath and enjoy refreshments. 781-843-7663.

Angels in the Air Holiday Fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth United Methodist Church, 29 Carver Road, Plymouth. Special guest Michael Lewis, author of "The Great Pirate Christmas Battle," will read from his book at 10:30 a.m. only. Following the reading, he will sign copies of his book. 508-746-1642.

Bazaar/craft fair, St. Mary Parish will hold its annual Christmas bazaar/craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parish center, 327 Court St., Plymouth. 508-866-4863 or email paulacoville@comcast.net.

Holiday Fair, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church at 842 Tremont St. in Duxbury.www.uudux.org.

Church and craft fair, Chiltonville Congregational Church will hold its Christmas church and craft fair from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6 River St., Plymouth (across from Bramhall's Country Store). 508-951-4649.

Christmas Designer Show House at the historic Daniel Webster Estate. All 14 rooms and two floors decorated in this year's theme "The Season's Best." Opens today at 11 a.m. and continues through Dec 13. Weekends 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. plus two evenings Thursday Dec 10 and Friday, Dec 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door. $8 seniors, $10 adults. 238 Webster St. Marshfield. www.danielwebsterestate.org.

A Christmas Carol presented by Massasoit Theatre Company, The Community Theatre at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. (off Rte. 27) Brockton. Show Dates: three weekends-seven shows, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13 at 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday at 3 p.m. For tickets: 508-588-9100, ext. 1982. Ticket line: 508-427-1234 or mrocheteau@massasoit.mass.edu.

Adult Coloring Event from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the program room at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-834-5535 or email Rachel at rbreen@ocln.org. Adults only; sorry kids.

Fine Art Photographic Images of Carolyn Kami Loughlin exhibit at The Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham opens today through Dec. 31.

First Saturday takes place in downtown Plymouth from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. Businesses in downtown Plymouth (Court and Main streets and Main Street Extension) stay open a little later and offer special deals. Visit www.firstsaturdayplymouth.com.

International Ballet Academy of Norwell's Nutcracker at Hingham Middle School, 1103 Main St., Hingham, today at 6 p.m., and tomorrow at 2 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are available in advance by visiting ibanorwell.org, or at the door on the day of the show if available.

Santa arrives and Christmas tree lighting, sponsored by the Hanover Lions Club at the John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Route 139, Hanover. Enjoy Girl Scout troops Christmas caroling, the Hanover High School Band, refreshments, pictures with Santa. Santa arrives at 3 p.m. Information: Bob Coluci at 781-337-1650 or rcoluci@aol.com.

Ron Della Chiesa presents: Frank Sinatra - The Man & His Music at 3 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library, 6 Leavitt St., Hingham. Celebrate the anniversary of Frank's 100th birthday. Ron will talk about Frank while he plays recordings that trace the career of the legendary artist from his early days as a big band singer with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey, to his great period at Capitol records in the 50's working with arrangers Nelson Riddle and Billy May. After the talk, test your knowledge of the iconic singer with some "Sinatra Trivia." No registration required.

The 22nd annual Christmas Celebration Concerts will be held at the United Church of Christ in Norwell today 5 p.m. and tomorrow at 2 and 5 p.m. Free tickets will be required for admittance. To order your "Free Tickets go www.uccnorwell.org and click on Special Events. These festive concerts will feature all six of the church's ensembles, which include a children's' chime choir, a youth hand bell choir, the Celestial Ringers (advanced adult handbell choir), and a 65-voice adult concert choir and also joined by instrumentalists on trumpet, string bass, piano, and percussion. All concerts are free and open to the public but a "Free Ticket" will be required for admission. Doors open 45 minutes prior to each performance for seating. The concerts are funded in large part by a free will offering during each performance. 781-659-2887 x14 or visit www.uccnorwell.org.

The Bay Colony Shakespeare Company presents Neil McGarry's one-man performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St, Braintree, at 8 p.m. Tickets: $20 adults/$15 students; appropriate for ages 5+ can be purchased at the door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 866-811-4111. For information, visit www.baycolonyshakespeare.org.

Joyful Noise! Holiday Portraits with violinist Ethan Wood, presented by The Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's at Thayer Academy's Center for the Arts, at 7:30 p.m., 745 Washington St., Braintree. Tickets may be purchased by visiting www.atlanticsymphony.org, or by calling 781-331-3600. Adults $45/seniors $40/under 20 $20.

Mary Poppins will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27-28, Dec. 3, 5, 10-12 and 17-19 at The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets are $37 to $39. For a complete performance schedule, to order tickets, or for more information, call the box office at 781-871-2787 or email boxoffice@companytheatre.com or visit www.companytheatre.com.

Steve Sweeney Variety Show at River Club Music Hall, 78 Border St., Scituate. 8 p.m., $25 for tickets and reservations call 339-6786, wwwtheriverclubmusichall.com

David Wilcox will perform at 8 p.m. at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are $25. Visit www.spirecenter.org for details.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be performed by Americana Theatre Company at Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. Tickets are $25 for general admission. Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 5, 11 and 12 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13. The production is recommended for ages 8 and up. For tickets visit www.americanatheatre.org, or call 508-591-0282.

A Very British Christmas concert will be presented by Pilgrim Festival Chorus at 7:30 p.m. today and at 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for senior citizens and $15 for students over 14. Children under the age of 14 are admitted free. Advance tickets may be purchased online at www.pilgrimfestivalchorus.org; and from PFC members. To reserve tickets by phone, call Gail at 781-826-8416. Complimentary refreshments will be served following the performance. www.pilgrimfestivalchorus.org.

Delta Generators, South Shore Folk Music Club will present a concert by the Delta Generators at 8 p.m. at the Beal House, 222 Main St., Kingston. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 per member, $22 per non-member. www.ssfmc.org. Advance tickets are available from http://brownpapertickets.com/event/1301909.

Vienna Boys Choir, Spectacle Management will present The Vienna Boys Choir Holiday Celebration at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are $79 to $59 and are on sale now at www.memorialhall.com or by calling 617-531-1257. See www.spectacleshows.com for more information.

Gun Powder & Lead at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

Driftwood at Hajjar's, 969 Washington St., Weymouth, 781-340-1870, hajjars.net

Dan Gallagher and Conor Smith at The Snug, 116 North St., Hingham, 9:30 p.m. 781-749-9774, thesnugpub.com

Booty Vortex at C-Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. 781-925-4300, cnotehull.com.

Stephen North at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington, 781-871-8832, greatchow.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Annual Christmas Greens Sale hosted by The Norwell Garden Club from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cushing Center, 673 Main Street, Norwell. The sale is held in conjunction with the arrival of Santa Claus and the tree lighting ceremony on the town common sponsored by the Norwell VNA and the Mens Club.

Handmade for the Holidays, from noon to 3 p.m., at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham. Enjoy food, Christmas carols, chair massage, raffle items, kids activities, and more. Admission is free.

Christmas Music and Readings Program, including the singing of favorite carols accompanied on the historic 1895 Hook and Hastings organ, and organ music including French noëls and German chorale preludes at 2 p.m. at the Universalist Church of Assinippi, 484 Washington St., Norwell. All are welcome, no charge.

Annual Christmas Concert performed by Braintree Choral Society and South Cong Choir at 3 p.m. at 1075 Washington St., Braintree. This is a free community event. All welcome. Refreshments served after concert. www southcong.org or 781 843 5155.

Gardeners Guild House Tour and Boutique. The Gardeners' Guild of Braintree will present "Old Time Christmas with a Contemporary Twist." This year's house tour, will feature the Thompson family home at 269 Peach St. Tour hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. The Holiday Boutique will be held at Braintree Town Hall from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Boutique is open to the public for $2 entry fee or free with a house tour ticket. Advance tickets are $16 and are available at Town Hall, Braintree CO-OP Bank, The Potting Bench, Nails by Nancy, and Caruso's Jewelers. Tickets purchased at the door are $20. Visit Gardeners-GuildofBraintree.com for additional information.

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Braintree Choral Society Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. hosted by South Congregational Church, at 1075 Washington Street in Braintree. This is a free community event. All welcome. Refreshments served after concert. www southcong.org or 781 843 5155.

Christmas Music for Guitar at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. John Muratore will perform a free concert of "Christmas Music for Guitar" at 3 p.m.

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The Choral Art Society of the South Shore, opens its 57th season with "Jingle Joy: Christmas Pops for the Whole Family!" at 4 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate. Santa will drop by, there will be the ever popular carol and holiday song Sing Along. Bring your Messiah score or one will be provided for you. At the end of the concert, join others for cookies and punch. Tickets are $20 for general admission and $18 for seniors and students. $5 for children under 17. Tickets may be purchased at www.choralartsociety.org, from chorus members, or from Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset, Roman Table in Scituate, and Mono Mono Boutique in Marshfield.

Audition with Cohasset Dramatic Club for "Guys and Dolls" tonight and tomorrow with callbacks on Dec. 8 at 7 pm at the Cohasset Town Hall Theater, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset. Production dates for this show are March 11-26, 2016. Tentative rehearsal schedule is Sunday afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting Tuesday, Jan. 5. For more information and character descriptions, visit www.cohassetdramaticclub.org. Email info@cohassetdramticclub.org with any questions.

Faith: A Mother's Story is a one-woman Advent play with actress Olivia Woodford from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, One South Main St., Randolph. The tickets are $10 per person. Reserve your tickets by calling 781-963-6373 or email firstuccrandolph@verizon.net. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Refreshments will be available during intermission.

A Very British Christmas concert will be presented by Pilgrim Festival Chorus at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth. PFC will share some of the best British music, from medieval times to the present, both sacred and secular. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for senior citizens and $15 for students over 14. Children under the age of 14 are admitted free. Advance tickets may be purchased online at www.pilgrimfestivalchorus.org; and from PFC members. To reserve tickets by phone, call Gail at 781-826-8416. Complimentary refreshments will be served following the performance. www.pilgrimfestivalchorus.org.

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A Christmas Carol presented by Massasoit Theatre Company, 3 p.m. at Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Boulevard, Brockton. Performances are at 8 p.m. Dec. 5, 11 and 12; and at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13. Tickets are $18 general admission, $16 per senior or student. Call 508-427-1234 or go to www.Massasoit.edu/buckley.

A Christmas Carol will be performed at 5 p.m. at the Whaling Museum as part of the New Bedford's Holiday Stroll Weekend. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and can be purchased at the door, at baycolonyshakespeare.org, or by calling 866-811-4111. Discounts for groups of 10 or more patrons are available, as well as for veterans, active members of the armed forces/emergency services and those working in education by calling 917-670-1184. For more information, visit www.baycolonyshakespeare.org.

Pure Treble concert, South Shore Conservatory's Pure Treble chorus will present a winter concert at 6 p.m. at SSC's Ellison Center for the Arts, 64 Saint George St., Duxbury. The concert is free and the public is welcome to attend. Students interested in auditioning for Pure Treble's spring session should contact Nancy Meredith at n.meredith@sscmusic.org. For more information, visit www.sscmusic.org.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

America's Story through Art at the Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham, at 2 p.m. This interactive, audio-visual presentation by the Cleveland Museum of Art focuses on American art during the years 1860–1918 and the effect of the momentous social changes brought about by urbanization, industrialization, immigration, and technological inventions. Presenter and participants will examine American art and artifacts from the Cleveland Museum of Art's collection, to promote discussion on America's national character and heritage. No registration is necessary.

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Musical Meditations for Advent, first four Wednesdays in December at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 460 Main St., Norwell. Karen Harvey, Minister of Music, Piano and organ musicians will provide 30 minutes of music to refresh the spirit and revive the soul. Everyone is welcome to this free program, uccnorwellmusic@gmail.com or 781-659-2887 x16.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

Blood Drive, 1 to 6 p.m., Weymouth-Braintree Elks Lodge, 1197 Washington St., Weymouth. To donate download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

Yuletide, the holiday house tour, presented by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. Included in the ticket will be five homes, each with water views, landscaping, and decorated for the holidays. The ticket also includes a full lunch plus access to Marketplace where handmade crafts and other creative goods will tempt you. Tickets in Cohasset are now being sold at Fleming's, Darilynn's and at Buttonwood Books and Toys for $40 in advance; $35 for a ticket without lunch and to be used between 2 to 4 p.m. On the day of the tour tickets will be $45 at St. Anthony's Parish Center. ONLINE tickets are for sale at www.communitygardenclubofcohasset.org.

Memoir Writing Workshop. Getting Your Memoir Started with Mara Bright, at 11 a.m. at Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Space is limited; call to register at 781-741-1405 ext. 1404.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Christmas Designer Show House at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster St., Marshfield. The house will be open daily through Dec. 13. Weekend hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; plus evening hours Dec. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door Dec. 5-13 and are $8 per senior, $10 per adult. www.danielwebsterestate.org.

A Christmas Carol, presented by the Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth, at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church in Town Square, Plymouth. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and 18, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 19 and at 4 p.m. Dec. 20. Tickets are $20 per adult and $18 per senior or child. For reservations, call 508-747-6856 or 774-454-3575 or email hattriq98@aol.com.

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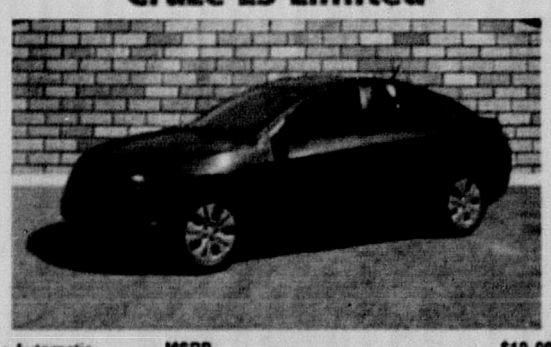

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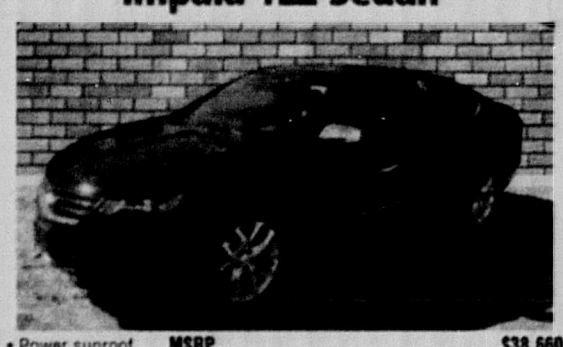

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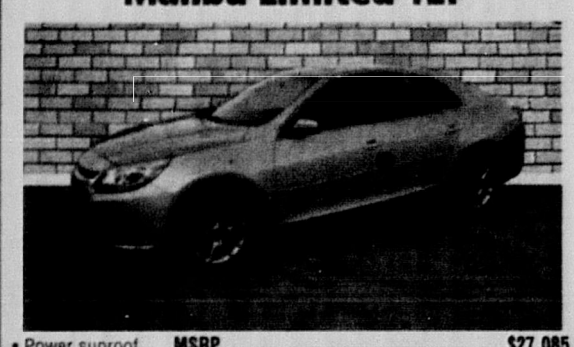

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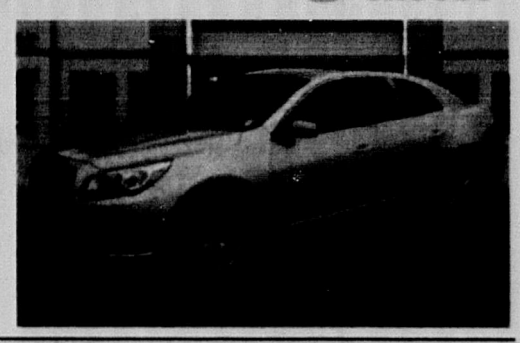

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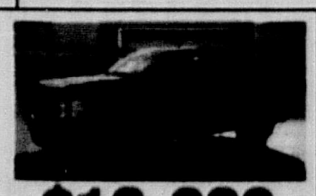

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